

## Brzezinski tells U.S. Jewish leaders: Israel, Arabs won't be forced, just prodded

**Jerusalem Post Correspondent**  
WASHINGTON. — U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski last night told American Jewish leaders that the U.S. might have to "prod" the parties to the Middle East conflict at the negotiating table.

Brzezinski sought to reassure representatives of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations about the drift in U.S. policy.

According to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the conference, Brzezinski maintained that none of the Carter Administration statements which have been made so far, including remarks on the Palestinian question and borders, represent a U.S. blueprint to be imposed on the parties. "They are to be seen rather as a conceptual

framework within which the parties can negotiate and themselves arrive at a resolution," Schindler quoted Brzezinski as saying.

Schindler suggested that the election of a "weak" Israel Government will invite the U.S. to impose a settlement. Following this meeting with the National Security Adviser, Schindler recalled a discussion the presidents conference had with Brzezinski last October.

During that meeting, Brzezinski would not rule out an American imposed settlement in the event of a weak Government in Jerusalem. Schindler said that Brzezinski still considers this a "viable option," although he did not say so during the White House session yesterday.

Schindler was accompanied by 11 other national Jewish leaders.

## Sharp rise in black market dollar

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
TEL AVIV. — The Lilienblum Street black market dollar has jumped up sharply during the past few days, and yesterday stood at IL11.69, or one-quarter more than the official rate.

The main reasons for the jump, according to "experts" on the street, are the public's concern about a

possible major devaluation after the elections and the beginning of the outgoing tourist season. On the other hand, incoming tourists have had a restraining influence on the rate of exchange.

"The price would be well over IL12, if not for the tourists," one of the dealers said.

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## WHO group condemns Israel

**GENEVA (Reuters).** — A World Health Organization (WHO) Committee yesterday approved a resolution accusing Israel of causing "numerous deaths" in the administered areas through detention and ill-treatment.

More than 30 of WHO's 151 members stayed away from the meeting due to their conflict with the resolution of deporting Arabs and resettling non-Arabs in their homes.

The resolution, passed by a special

committee of the WHO annual general assembly in a vote of 66 to 23, with 16 abstentions, also called on Israel to allow three WHO medical experts to visit the territories as a team, with full freedom to inspect health conditions.

Israel allowed the three experts to pay individual visits to the region last year but does not recognize the team as an official inquiry.

The U.S. and the nine European Common Market countries were among those who voted against the resolution.

## Peres reacts to charge of U.S. pressure

**By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Reporter**

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel seeks no conflict or confrontation with the U.S. He declared that mutual relations must be based on common interests and on Israel's ability to persuade the U.S. of the justice of its case.

Peres was responding in the Knesset to charges by Zalman Shoval (Likud-La'am) that the country, in a few weeks' time, will have to struggle to prevent an enforced solution being applied in the Middle East — something which, in fact, will not be a solution but will threaten Israel's existence.

According to Shoval, the trauma of U.S. pressure is in the minds of the government, not in the minds of the people. The government, by not telling the truth to the nation, is inspiring complacency, he said.

Shoval's urgent motion for the agenda, submitted at a special Knesset session called by the Likud on election eve, complained about Peres' reaction to statements made by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance about Middle East negotiations.

Peres said in yesterday's debate that Israel must be in a position where it can say "no" to the U.S. if need be, as long as it makes the U.S. aware that its "no" was uttered after due consideration.

He said: "The pattern of our relations with the U.S. is a model of independence and reciprocity. We do not accept dictation from them, but neither do we assume that we can dictate to them."

Peres said that Israel objected to coercion, but it had every appreciation for American efforts to promote peace in the region. Thus far Israel had no reason at all to regret the way the U.S. had extended its good offices to the parties involved. President Jimmy Carter has said that he does not intend to be anything other

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Soldiers study posters with the symbols and platforms of all the parties running for the Knesset, which have been displayed at all army camps throughout the country.

## U.S. officials rooting for Alignment victory today

**By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent**

WASHINGTON. — The State Department, anxious to show that it does not interfere in domestic Israeli politics, says that the U.S. Government will deal with whatever government is elected in Israel, irrespective of which political party emerges as the winner in today's election. But there can be no doubt that U.S. officials are rooting for Shimon Peres and the Labour Alignment.

As Washington sees it, a Labour-led coalition will at least consider negotiations with the Arab states leading towards far-reaching territorial concessions in Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights and Sinai. U.S. policy-makers fear that a Likud victory would result in a stalemate in the negotiations, because they seem to take the Likud platform at its word: no withdrawal from Judea and Samaria under any circumstances.

State Department officials are nervously awaiting the outcome. They are not overly confident that a

strong Israel government will be established — a government that will have the political support to take what Washington considers bold territorial risks for peace.

When a reporter predicted over the weekend that Labour might capture 45 seats to the election, a State Department Middle East analyst commented: "Gee, I haven't seen anything that optimistic during the past few weeks." He indicated that U.S. embassy officials in Tel Aviv were predicting a very close race — "too close to call."

Officials here are hoping an Alignment-DMC coalition government could be formed without the National Religious Party. The State Department does not see much difference between the NRP and the Likud, when it comes to an Israel withdrawal from the West Bank.

Policy-makers at the State Department and the White House do not accept the Likud's contention that it is a pro-Arab party that would work hard to weaken Soviet influence in the region and protect American interests.

## 27 Syrians die in fight with Lebanon rightists

**BEIRUT.** — Twenty-seven Syrian soldiers were killed in two days of bitter weekend fighting with right-wing Lebanese militiamen in Northern Lebanon, informed sources said here yesterday. Rightist forces were put at one killed and nine wounded.

The sources said the rightists had knocked out four Syrian armoured personnel carriers, with mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns.

The fighting centred on the mountain village of Billa, about 20 kilometres south-east of the northern port of Tripoli, and observers here said it underlined continuing friction between Syria and parts of the Lebanese right.

Syria provided the bulk of the 30,000-strong Arab League peace-keeping force policing the Lebanese truce.

The sources disputed an account of the clashes given by the force, which said on Sunday that fighting had broken out after two members of the peace force had been killed in an ambush set up by cigarette smugglers.

Asked to comment on the death toll given yesterday by the sources, a spokesman for the peace force said he had no information on the total number of casualties.

The sources said that right-wing militiamen using rocket-propelled grenades had knocked out a Syrian armoured personnel carrier when it tried to enter Billa on Saturday.

Syrian reinforcements sent to the village had come under heavy fire from militiamen of Camille Chamoun's party and the Phalange, Lebanon's biggest right-wing organizations, the sources said.

(UPI, Reuters)

## Two held for fatal booby-trap explosion

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Two brothers were remanded here yesterday for 15 days on suspicion of having murdered a prosecution witness by booby-trapping her bed with explosives.

Rina Ashkenazi, who was killed in the blast on Sunday night in a Jaffa apartment, was to have testified in the upcoming drug trial of Ya'acov Sulami. Sulami's brothers, Noam and Amos, have been arrested in connection with the slaying.

Police said that a half-kilo of explosives was detonated in the fatal blast in the apartment of Shmuel and Rina Catalan. Mrs. Catalan had asked Rina Ashkenazi to stay with her as Catalan had left for army reserve duty that day. Mrs. Catalan and her two children were slightly injured in the explosion.

The Catalans had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment about a year ago on charges of possessing drugs and counterfeiting foreign currency. Another man in the case was imprisoned for five

years; but Ya'acov Sulami, who was also wanted in the case, managed to evade the police for 10 months. Recently he turned himself in, stating that he had been unaware that he was wanted.

The Catalans, too, are slated to testify in the Sulami trial. Police maintain that Amos Sulami had been threatening them daily not to testify against his brother.

Police say that a witness saw and is able to describe a man who entered the Jaffa apartment shortly before the explosion on Sunday night. Clothing such as that described by the witness was subsequently found in the home of Amos Sulami.

At about the same time as yesterday's explosion, a charge sheet was filed in district court against Moshe Bonch and Yosef Lev, for bombing the Bat Yam home of the parents of two brothers who have turned state's witness in the heroin trial of Bonch's brother, Menashe. The latter and two others are accused of smuggling 307 grams of heroin into the country from Thailand.

## Rhodesia, S. Africa blasted as 87 UN states meet

**MAPUTO, Mozambique.** — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday accused the white minority government in Rhodesia of committing repeated acts of aggression against neighbouring black states.

He also warned that the world faced "a disaster of grave dimensions" over Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa), saying the situation in that South African-ruled territory was an unparalleled challenge to the world body's authority.

Waldheim was addressing the opening of a week-long conference here of 87 nations, called to demonstrate international support for black majority rule in both Rhodesia and Namibia.

Andrew Young, chief U.S. delegate to the UN will lead the American delegation to the conference, set up by the UN General Assembly.

Waldheim told delegations: "Unless we accelerate efforts to find just and peaceful solutions to end the unacceptable situation in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Namibia, I fear that a disaster of grave dimensions will occur which will have repercussions far beyond this region."

In a surprisingly moderate speech to the opening session, Mozambique President Samora Machel also urged

liberation struggle politically, diplomatically and morally.

Machel, however, repeatedly stressed a political solution was still in sight in the area, and said current British efforts on Rhodesia and western efforts on Namibia could be useful.

Kaunda said he had put Zambia on a war footing following a message conveyed through Britain that Rhodesia would attack guerrilla bases in his country.

(UPI, Reuters)

## 2.2 million go to polls today

More than 2.2 million Israelis are scheduled to go to the polls today in hazy and warm weather, with political pundits suggesting that this is the closest Israel has ever been to the possibility of a change of government. About half a million voters were said last night to be still undecided, so that the election results may be the most dramatic ever. Today is a work holiday, with schools and most businesses and shops closed. Polling stations will open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. in most cases.

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Today's weather, like the election atmosphere in general, is expected to be hazy and warmer, as the country's 3,380 polling stations in 17 election districts gear themselves to receive those of the nation's 2,286,233 eligible voters who are here and can make it to their assigned ballot boxes.

Temperatures are expected to range from 24 degrees in Haifa, to 25 in Tel Aviv, 27 in Jerusalem (accompanied by a shower), 29 in Beersheba, 33 in Tiberias, and 35 in Eilat.

The Central Elections Committee is expected to have an approximate idea of the results early tomorrow afternoon but will make no calculations before Friday, at the earliest. Tallying the soldiers' and seamen's votes, which are in double envelopes and require special checking, may take up to seven days; but these are not expected to make much difference to the overall result.

Polling stations will open at 7 a.m. Those with up to 350 names on their voting registers will stay open to 9 p.m. Where there are more than 350

voters, they will stay open till 11 p.m. Beyond the Green Line, the stations will stay open till 4, 6, or 7 p.m., according to local conditions.

The counting of civilian votes will take place in the district election committees, which will transmit their final counts to the Central Elections Committee in the Knesset building. The central committee will verify that all the records are straight, and that no discrepancies appear, to indicate malfunctioning of the station committees. Then it will add up all the district results.

The central committee also has to check and count the soldiers' and seamen's votes. These arrive in double envelopes, the outside one containing the voter's personal details.

Using computers with visual display terminals, the committee checks the names on the outside envelope to see if the voter had the right to vote — namely, if he or she appears in the voters' register. Then the soldiers' names are matched against the registers of those who actually voted, to see if any soldier has

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## The parties and the symbols

Ballot Symbol	Seats in Present Knesset
ALIGNMENT	אמ"מ 51
LIKUD	מ"מ 39
NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY	ב 10
INDEPENDENT LIBERALS	ג 4
CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT	ד 3
AGUDAT YISRAEL	ה 5
POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL	ו 1 (Moked)
SHELLI	ז 3
UNITED ARAB LIST	ח 4
DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR PEACE & EQUALITY (Rakah and the Black Panthers)	ט 4
DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE	י 1 New
HOFESH (Black Panthers & Workers Front)	יא 0
THE NEW GENERATION	יב 1 New
KACH (Rabbi Kahane)	יג 0
THE WOMEN'S PARTY	יד 1 New
FLATTO-SHARON	טו 1 New
ARAB REFORM MOVEMENT	טז 1 New
BET YISRAEL (Yemenite List)	יז 0
COEXISTENCE WITH JUSTICE (Arabs)	יח 1 New
ZIONIST PANTHERS	יט 1 New
SHLOMZION	כ 1 New
ZIONIST AND SOCIALIST RENEWAL (Mordechai Ben-Porat)	כא 1 New

## Change in regime seen possible for first time

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters**

About 500,000 eligible voters, or 22.4 per cent of the total, were believed undecided yesterday on whom they will vote for today.

Their votes may prove to be the most dramatic, because the Labour Alignment's lead over the Likud has apparently shrunk. Leaders of both camps said Israel is closer to a change of government than it has ever been before.

A pre-election survey commissioned by the Alignment indicated that that list will win only 39 seats to the Likud's 38. The survey gave the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) 12 seats and the National Religious Party (NRP) 10.

A Modi'vo Barakchi poll, cited by Likud leaders, said their list will have three seats more than the Alignment.

Prediction of results is difficult because 20 per cent of the eligible voters have changed their places of residence since the voters' register

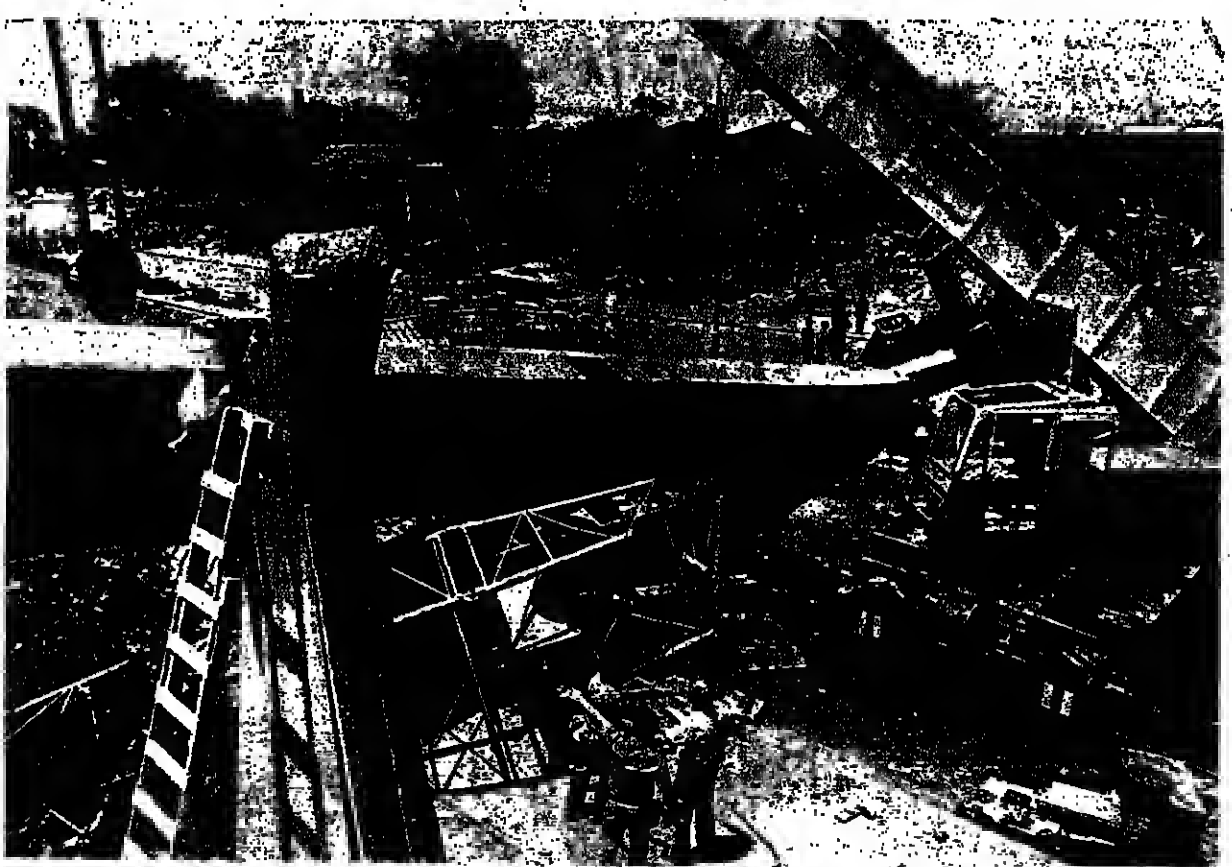
was compiled and will have to travel to the polling stations in order to vote. "It is doubtful that people living in Eilat will be ready to travel by bus (three) to vote in Tel Aviv, or that they will spend the money for a plane ticket," the Alignment's campaign manager, Minister Haim Bar-Lev, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Neither Alignment nor Likud leaders would say what coalition they envisage if the President calls on either of them to form a cabinet. But the alternatives appear to be a national unity government including the Alignment and the Likud, an Alignment-DMC-NRP coalition, or a Likud-DMC-NRP coalition. Likud leader Simha Erlich told *The Post* that no coalition will be possible without the NRP and the DMC.

The DMC has supported the Alignment's "dovish" policies on foreign affairs and security but, like the Likud, had advocated a free economy.

The NRP's Zevulun Hammer said

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A foot bridge being placed across Tel Aviv's Derech Petah Tikva collapsed yesterday morning onto the road. This view, looking south, shows the bridge's broken support column at left. At right is

the fire department crane which was used to pull sections of the smashed bridge off the highway. (Lester Millman)

## Foot bridge collapses on Tel Aviv road

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — A crane operator narrowly escaped death early yesterday when a 90-ton, 50-metre foot bridge being placed across Derech Petah Tikva slipped from a crane and crashed across the highway.

The operator, Yossi Ben-David, leapt from the cabin of the crane seconds before part of the bridge crashed into it.

The collapse of the bridge blocked both sides of the road, causing traffic tie-ups that lasted for eight hours. According to police, some 70,000 vehicles travel this road, one of the city's main thoroughfares, every morning.

An eyewitness told *The Jerusalem Post* that two cranes were lifting one end of the bridge onto a support column when the bridge began to slip. Its weight lifted the rear end of one crane into the air as the bridge smashed into the cabin of the second crane. The *Post* was told.

Only one worker on the project was reported to be slightly injured in the mishap.

The bridge site is located just

beyond the Hamaaser-Hahashmona'im-Petah Tikva junction. It was designed as a pedestrian crossing to link the Klyra with a new commercial building being constructed by Nahum Kalka, a local contractor. Kalka was unable to estimate the amount of damage.

Members of the fire brigade, using their own crane and bulldozer, managed to pull, lift and shove sections of the bridge to the side of the road. By 3.15 p.m., the last section had been moved and traffic resumed on the road.

Alternative routes had proven insufficient to cope with the traffic problems. A spokesman for the Dan cooperative said that 200 buses were caught in the traffic jam.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat has set up a committee, headed by Deputy Mayor David Schiffman, to investigate the collapse of the bridge.

A spokesman said the city had approved the specifications for the bridge but had not known of the contractor's intentions to put it up Sunday night and yesterday morning.

The crane operators, Avi Cranes, refused to comment on the accident yesterday.

## Islamic ministers meet, will discuss Jerusalem status

**BEIRUT.** — A conference of foreign ministers from 37 Islamic nations and the Palestine Liberation Organization opened in Tripoli, Libya, yesterday, Libyan Radio said.

Egypt and Sudan boycotted the meeting due to their conflict with the regime of Col. Muammar Gaddafi.

The ministers are expected to discuss a wide variety of topics, including the status of Jerusalem, the Palestinians, Moslems in the Philippines, the Eritrean separatist revolt in Ethiopia, and the conditions of Moslem communities throughout the world.

Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, called for the "liberation of Jerusalem" and said the conference would "serve the Palestinian cause."

Earlier, Kaddoumi rejected President Jimmy Carter's recent reference to the need for a "homeland" for Palestinians as a "step backward" in the efforts to achieve a settlement.

In an interview with Swiss television, Yasser Arafat's No. 2 man said he did not think that the new Washington administration was taking a stand that was closer to the PLO's position.

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## THE WEATHER

Weather synopsis: A line of Sharav lows moving eastward along the North African coast are expected to influence the weather sporadically during the next two days.

Forecast: Warm and dry, with temperatures well above normal for this time of the year.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	41	25-35	28
Golan	46	28-38	28
Nahariya	71	23-32	28
Safad	68	22-31	28
Haifa Port	66	22-31	28
Tiberias	41	18-28	34
Nazareth	44	26-31	30
Afula	48	26-31	30
Shomron	53	24-31	29
Tel Aviv	63	26-35	32
B-G Airport	58	26-32	33
Jericho	28	22-35	38
Gaza	71	21-34	39
BeerSheva	52	28-30	35
Eilat	19	25-38	35
Tiran Straits	20	28-31	34

## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the participants in the European Conference for Israel Bonds.

Peter Lorenz, president of the West Berlin legislature, gave a reception at the Fal Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday for former Berliners. Mayor Shlomo Lahat was also present.

Pakad Shlomo Rolf has been appointed police commander in Safad, succeeding Pakad Yitzhak Deutsch whom the municipality has inscribed in the Golden Book of the JNF for seven years' outstanding service.

## Aviva Zuckerman dies

Aviva Zuckerman, professor of parasitology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem. She died at the age of 62.

Born in New York in 1915 to a Zionist family, she came to Palestine with her family in 1925. When she enrolled at the Hebrew University, she was one of the first students in the department of bacteriology and hygiene on the Mount Scopus campus.

QUICK WORK by the Haifa fire brigade stopped a fire that broke out on Sunday night in the municipal theatre dressing rooms from spreading through the building. Damage from the fire appeared to be minimal.

## TV debate bored average viewer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The television debate on Sunday night between Menachem Begin and Shimon Peres was weak and unimpressive, according to a majority of viewers questioned here by *The Jerusalem Post*.

"The best part was at the end when the two shook hands," said Shmuel Rosen, a lottery ticket vendor. "What disappointed me was that I had a feeling they were not telling truth," he added.

Shimon Rein, an accountant and student, said the debate was "not serious" and revealed nothing new. The two candidates just rehearsed things that already had been said a thousand times, he said, adding that he didn't know for whom to vote before the debate — and still was undecided.

Another student, Yoel Shalev, said he had decided for whom to vote before the debate began and nothing had changed his mind. However, he thought both sides made

## See how they ran

By Aryeh Rubinstein

"The Members of Kivutza Kinneret Buried Borochov Twice," is the heading on a communiqué of the Citizens Rights Movement.

The reference is to the socialist Zionist leader and theoretician, Bar Borochov.

It seems that CRM leader Shulamit Aloni was debating with the kibbutz members and shot at them the question: "Where are the values of Borochov on which you were educated; where is his doctrine of man and society?" And in the heat of the argument, one kibbutznik shouted back: "He is hurried here!"

In the course of the discussion, Aloni said the Alignment was trying to create panic by warning what might happen if the Likud's strength increased. But voters who feared the sealotry of the Right did not have to give the Alignment present. The CRM would support a sober policy that would bring peace nearer and would continue to defend human rights and oppose religious coercion, she said.

Minister Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberals warned Arab voters to fight against extremist elements, such as Rakah, who were pushing for a confrontation between Jews and Arabs. Addressing Arab audiences in Nazareth and the Little Triangle, Kol suggested that voters disappointed with the Arab policy of the Alignment would do well to support the ILF, which had been fighting for an enlightened policy towards the Arabs.

The secretary of the Democratic Movement for Change yesterday issued a protest against the postponement by the police of their investigation of Aharon Yadin. In a statement to the press they say:

"The investigation of Asher Yadin is a public matter of prime importance, and irrelevant considerations such as the eve of elections have no business being injected into it. This public has a right to know the whole truth about the funds Yadin channelled to the Labour Party, and any attempt to hush the truth weakens the foundations of government. We have no doubt that the police are acting impartially, but the intervention of political bodies in postponing the investigation is a most serious matter."

## \$1,000 asked of ship which left Haifa illegally

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Liberian-flag container ship, which a month ago slipped out of Haifa Port at night without the required piloting service, was prevented from entering the port yesterday by the Marine Officers Union.

The union at noon told Zim, which has chartered the ship, Tradco, that the vessel will be allowed to enter only after the captain donates \$1,000 to an Israel charity as "atonement" for last month's escape.

The union also said that the 15 Philippine ratings aboard must be paid the money due them according to the International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF) rate.

When the ship called at Haifa Port a month ago the union learned that the ratings had not been paid the ITF rate, although the ship had signed an ITF contract.

As a result the union ordered the port pilots not to let the ship leave. It was then that the ship made its unscheduled departure.

The Tradco returned from Europe yesterday with 4,000 tons of cargo. The union, after consulting ITF headquarters in London and receiving backing for its move, denied the ship entry. The ship, which has German officers, remained anchored in the bay last night.

Meanwhile, labour contract negotiations between the two seamen's unions and the shipping companies are bogged down. Officers union secretary Yeshayahu Groman told *The Jerusalem Post* that two problems existed — income tax rates, which depend on a Treasury decision, and the abolition of the special pay clause in the ratings' contract, which had narrowed the pay differential between officers and men.

The ratings union yesterday protested to Zim against the appointment of a former union secretary, Haim Zuckerman, as head of the firm's crew department and the "trend to appoint more former union officials to senior department positions."

## Shoppers buy up staples

By SHLOMO MAOZ

Post Economic Reporter

The public has stepped up purchases of all kinds of goods in anticipation of price increases after the elections. The sale of basic commodities, especially those which are subsidized, has nearly doubled.

Rice, cooking oil and loose tea are difficult to find in the shops. But sugar, meat and frozen poultry, which people have also been buying at an accelerated rate, are still available. According to Oded Yasur, manager of the Shekem in Jerusalem, the public has also been buying more of other products, including cleaning materials.

Durable goods — refrigerators, washing machines, and television sets, in particular — are being snapped up in the expectation that they will soon cost more.

The Shekem manager and his colleague from the supermarket in the centre of the city, David Krauss, said the supplies of most goods are regular and have even been stepped up for rice and loose tea after the demand for them had increased. They estimate that purchases of non-perishable products such as oil and sugar have gone up by 400 per cent.

In Haifa a shortage of bread developed in various parts of the city yesterday as a result of panic buying.

The secretary of the Retailers Association, Ze'ev Katz, said the bakeries had supplied enough bread for two days; but panicky customers had bought more than they needed, leaving others without.

Stores will be closed today because of the elections.

## 4 soldiers arrested on hashish charge

ACRE (Himi). — Eight young men, including four soldiers, were arrested yesterday morning by a special unit of the Galilee police district as suspected users and sellers of hashish. The arrests were made near a soldiers' rest-home in Acre.

The soldiers were arrested on suspicion of buying hashish and the four other suspects, from Pardes Hanna and Haifa, were held for selling the drug.

## Change seen

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he would prefer a national unity government, but the second-best choice was a coalition with the Likud. Hammer believed that the majority in his party preferred a Likud-led coalition.

Hammer said he did not know how a coalition agreement could reconcile his party's demand on religious issues with the DMC's decision that the Knesset representatives would be free to vote "according to conscience" on religious affairs.

Likud and NRP leaders huddled in the Knesset restaurant yesterday and committed their respective parties to work together after the elections, according to an NRP spokesman.

The Likud's Menachem Begin and Simha Ehrlich put their heads together with the NRP's Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir, to discuss what coalitions might be weighed once the results are out.

According to the NRP man, the Likud MKs said that if they are asked to enter a coalition, they will stipulate that the NRP also be invited to join.

The NRP leaders said that if the projected coalition depends on their votes to get its majority, they will insist on a national unity coalition including the Likud — otherwise they will stay out. They said that if they are invited into a coalition which has 61 without them, they will have to decide "according to circumstances."

They said they were voting the views of party veteran Yosef Burg, who heads the NRP list.

The month-long election campaign, which ended by last night, was shorter than previous campaigns — and cheaper. State funding will amount to some IL70m., but the parties were also permitted to raise contributions. Bar-Lev said yesterday that the Alignment had spent half as much as it spent in the last campaign.

Party leaders who were not directly responsible for the campaign criticized its poor content. "The debates were of a poor standard. The issues were hurried instead of being sharpened," one cabinet minister said. For example, Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres had failed to stress the differences between the Alignment and Likud planks in Sunday night's television debate with Begin. "He created the impression the differences were tactical only," the minister said.

Members of the election campaign staffs rejected the criticism. Glimnick took only a quarter of one television time," Bar-Lev said. The Alignment held tens of thousands of parlor meetings in which its policies were discussed, he added.

Someone close to Begin said the level had been low because the politicians believed the public has no patience for ideological debates. The media created that impression, he charged.

Ehrlich said parlor meetings which he had attended showed the public's keen concern about issues. But the campaign had been conducted by people "who are new in the Likud." (This probably refers to Ezer Weizman, the campaign manager, and Tef-Abut (res.) Mordechai Zippori, his assistant.)

Early in the campaign, Ehrlich said, "we thought we ought to give them a free hand." Later, the party leaders did not wish to force changes because the election was too close.



Police reinforcements were called in when neighbours interfered with a search of what they suspected was an illegal foreign currency "bank" in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter yesterday. (Haret)

## Neighbours hamper police raid on 'black' bank

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem police had to call in reinforcements during a raid on an illegal foreign currency "bank" in Mea She'arim yesterday after neighbours hurled in and interfered with the search, the police said.

During the raid \$23,000 in cash and travellers cheques were discovered. The owner of the flat and another man were arrested.

The police spokesman said that three special operations officers were searching the flat when a large group of neighbours entered and tried to stop them. The policemen reportedly needed medical attention after the scuffle.

The search squad called for reinforcements, and uniformed police in riot gear restored order. Nons of the intruders were arrested.

In Tel Aviv, indictments have been filed against three men for holding illegal foreign currency accounts abroad, totalling some \$182,000.

A Holon father and son, Haim and Dov Herakovitz, are charged with holding \$150,000 in a Swiss bank when they were ordered in 1974 to repatriate the money, \$146,000 disappeared.

The other charge sheet accuses Alexander Jacques, 32, an El Al steward, of holding \$12,000 in an account in New York between 1970 and 1972, without informing the authorities.

## Israel, Greece sign cultural agreement

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel and Greece yesterday signed a cultural accord providing for exchanges of academics and scientists, cooperation between the two national libraries, and orchestral tours and exhibitions by each country in the other.

Prof. Shlomo Avineri, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said at the signing ceremony in Jerusalem that he hoped the improved cultural ties between the two states would "strengthen and encourage" the broader political ties between them.

## 2.2 million go to polls today

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voted twice.

Once this process has weeded out any disqualified soldiers' votes, the double envelopes are opened and the voting slips counted.

The first soldiers' votes are expected in at 10 p.m. today (Tuesday). The last should be in some time tomorrow afternoon.

The central committee does not announce the soldiers' voting results in absolute numbers or in percentages for security reasons, so as not to disclose the total number of soldiers on duty.

However, the political parties which make up the committee have agreed to publish the statistics, and the Likud, for one, made unauthorized use in election propaganda of the percentage of soldiers who voted Likud in December 1973.

The Israel Defence Forces yesterday made final preparations to ensure that all soldiers, no matter where they are serving, are able to vote, and do so in due secrecy.

At military installations, from the Karmel in the north to A-Tur in the south, lists outlining the basic party platforms were posted — all the parties being given equal space. Regulations specify that all soldiers — whether in regular service or on reserve duty — have to present their identity cards at the time of voting.

Several thousand soldiers who did not have their ID booklets with them were given a short leave of absence during the past week to go home to get them.

The following are entitled to vote at military ballot boxes: soldiers on active duty, policemen, border policemen, civilians employed by the military in the administered areas, and other civilians who happen to be at a military installation in the administered areas on election day.

Voting booths will be staffed by three soldiers under the rank of sergeant (sergeant in regular service, and those voting will be required to show their military identification papers in addition to their civilian ID cards).

The first 500 votes have already reached the Central Elections Committee. They are the votes of the seamen on 19 of the 32 Israel-flag ships, at sea or in foreign ports, whose crews voted nine days ago.

The ballot boxes from the ships were sent to Jerusalem through the diplomatic mail by the nearest Israel embassy or were brought back home by the ships themselves. The 20th ballot box, a small metal box, padlocked and sealed, arrived in Haifa on board the M.S. Shikma last night. It will be taken to Jerusalem tomorrow by Nadav Sonnenberg of the Transport Ministry's Shipping Division, who was in charge of the seamen's hailing, escorted by a Knesset guard.

The boxes from the other 12 ships will have to arrive by May 22 in order to be included in this final count.

Sonnenberg reported that on most ships so far, all the eligible voters had cast their ballots. He said that on one ship, the captain had permitted five men who did not have their identity cards with them to vote. The central committee invalidated the procedure, although the identity-card numbers of these men are registered in their seamen's books and were noted down on the double envelope by the master.

The Central Elections Committee radioed a message to him yesterday asking him to send along the names and identity numbers of the five men, so that their voting envelopes can be removed when the ballot box is opened. If the information does not arrive on time, all the ballots in that box will be invalidated.

Thirteen thousand policemen, aided by thousands of civil guard volunteers, yesterday got the final orders for their election day activities. The police will be guarding the polling places today and will provide a escort for the transport of the ballots after the polls close.

The police yesterday appealed to the public to behave in an orderly manner. They especially asked that voters make the job easier for the guards and expedite the voting process by refraining from bringing bulky parcels with them when they go to vote.

More than 30,000 persons applied to the Interior Ministry for new identity booklets in order to be able to vote, 8,000 of them in the last three days alone. Normally, people who had lost their identification booklets or whose current booklets were not valid had to apply for new ones by no later than 14 days before election day.

Interior Minister Shlomo Hilel

yesterday addressed the nation over the radio, calling on all citizens to vote. He apologized for the fact that the voters' register had not been updated in time, as a result of which "a relatively large number of citizens" who had moved will have to travel considerable distances to cast their ballots.

The Elections Law entitles all eligible voters to be transported at public expense to their polling stations if they are spending election day at least 20 kilometres away from their polling district. Free transportation vouchers may be obtained from the information offices and at railway and Egged stations.

The Interior Ministry spokesman announced that citizens requiring information may phone 02-34405, 34406, 34407 or 34408 all day today.

Also, 38 information offices will be open today from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. to inform voters of their eligibility and their polling stations. The locations of these information offices, mostly at post offices, were published in all the daily newspapers on Sunday and on billboards.

The Labour Alignment has mobilized 60,000 persons; most of them volunteers, and including 6,000 members of affiliated kibbutzim, to help out today.

It has also mobilized 6,000 vehicles — the same number as the Likud — to transport voters to polling stations. It will have 40 interurban travel stations of its own, and 88 information offices.

The Alignment campaign staff is also geared to serve the estimated 300 foreign correspondents and 200 local journalists who will be covering the election.

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## Peres reacts

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than an "honest broker," Peres pointed out.

Peres denied the inference which emerged from one of Carter's statements, after seeing Syria's President Hafez Assad, that Israel had agreed to the establishment of demilitarized zones along the borders. "Nobody has even approached us to discuss this possibility," he said.

Shoval charged that, at a time when the U.S. proposal for a Middle East arrangement is "the Rogers Plan-minus," Peres is trying to show — by his reactions to Vance's statements — that the Alignment and the U.S. Government are on the same wavelength.

Shoval stated that the American downgrading of Israel's arms purchase status sounded like the story of the rabbi and the goat after Carter reaffirmed the special commitment to Israel's security and drew expressions of gratitude here.

He warned that even though the efforts of the U.S. senators had borne fruit with respect to arms purchases, the Carter Administration had left its visiting card — a homeland for the Palestinians and Israel's return all the way back to the 1957 borders.

Shoval said that Israel's case in the U.S. must rest on the principle that while the U.S. has various alternatives to foster its interests in the Middle East, Israel has no alternative to survival.

The motion was referred for a plenum debate (which will never be held), with the consent of Peres.

THE SPORTOTO football pool for last week will be divided between four persons who guessed correctly the results of all 13 games. Each winner will receive about IL164,000.

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# Histadrut to shun TV in campaign

By ZE'EV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — All political factions in the running for the Histadrut elections on June 21 agreed this week to forgo TV campaigning.  
In a communique issued here by the Histadrut election committee and its "goodwill committee," chairman Aharon Harel said the reasoning behind the decision included conclusions drawn from the Knesset election campaign and possible deviations "from good taste."  
The decision would also save all the parties considerable sums, he said. (But more money will be devoted to radio and newspaper advertising.)  
It is understood that all the competing parties have some 11,000 set aside as campaign funds, which will be divided in accordance with the size of each faction. This sum is in addition to 112.5 m. available for the technical organization and conduct of the elections.

# Ezra Z. Shapiro buried in J'lem

Ezra Z. Shapiro, world chairman of Keren Hayesod-United Jewish Appeal and a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, was buried yesterday on the Mount of Olives. He died on Saturday at the age of 73.  
His widow, Sylvia Shapiro, and his son and daughter who arrived from the U.S. attended the funeral service at noon yesterday in the Jewish Agency compound.  
Among those attending were President Ephraim Katzir, Cabinet ministers and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek. Eulogies were given by Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency and WZO executives; Dr. Israel Goldstein, former chairman of Keren Hayesod; MK Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Zionist Executive; and Rabbi Mordechai Kirschtblum, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency and WZO.

# T.A. starts 'weeding out' miscreant city employees

By LEA LEVANSKY  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — A city engineer was dismissed on Sunday by disciplinary tribunal for having drawn up building plans privately, and then approving his own plans in his official capacity.  
The municipality spokesman, who would not identify the engineer, said that he is one of eight municipal workers recently fired for misconduct.  
Only one of them lost his job because he was convicted of bribery in a criminal court. The others were dismissed after proceedings before a disciplinary tribunal of municipal workers and management.  
Nine additional municipal employees have been warned that they will be dismissed if they repeat past misconduct. The spokesman would not give details. He said all 17 employees have been under suspension for a long time and have worked for the city for many years.  
Mayor Shlomo Lahat said the crackdown on employees is an effort to "weed out the bad minority" from the "good majority" of municipal workers.  
The spokesman said the engineer's case was tried by a tribunal after police decided not to prosecute.  
The municipality employees' union refused to comment on any of the cases.  
None of those dismissed received severance pay. Some of them, including the engineer, had been suspended from their posts pending disciplinary proceedings. It was decided to pay them 50 per cent of their salaries for the period of suspension, the minimum the law allows an employer to pay under such circumstances.

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# Peres denies using army lists to plug Alignment

Post Knesset Reporter  
Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday denied as false and fabricated the allegations that he abused his responsibility for the Israel Defence Forces by appealing in letters to conscripts to vote for the Alignment and by using the IDF's computerized lists to get soldiers' home addresses.  
Peres, speaking at a special Knesset session, claimed that he had sent letters to citizens who were voting for the first time, after the Alignment had obtained their addresses by purchasing a copy of the computer tape containing the voters' register — which any party could have done.  
No use whatsoever was made of army lists, Peres declared in answering charges in a motion by Gideon Patai (Likud-Liberals) of politicization of the IDF.  
Patai described the Peres letter as "a crude appeal designed to influence, cajole and intimidate." Patai said he had checked Alignment claims that no army lists were used for the addresses and found the claims to be "ridiculous."  
This provoked a torrent of protests in the chamber from the Alignment's Micha Harish and Esther Heritz, who shouted that they had conceived the idea of getting the copy of the voters' register and that Patai was deliberately misleading the public.  
Patai then went on to charge that not only did the Alignment politicize the IDF by Peres' appeal to soldiers — it also politicized the police by getting the Asher Yadin interrogation postponed until after the elections; it politicized the military industries by revealing the story of the Chariot tank before the elections; and likewise with the Israel Aircraft Industries by leaking the story about the warplane being designed now to replace the Kfir. He added that it made political capital out of the recent visit here by a delegation from an Arab country which has no common borders with Israel.  
Patai asserted that although the Likud men on the various Knesset committees had all this sensitive information for a long time, they would never have dreamed of revealing it as the Alignment had.  
Peres argued that Patai's charges about politicization of the IDF were disproven by the fact that the IDF itself had submitted a complaint to the Central Election Committee about an Alignment circular to soldiers in the Nahal corps.  
Rabbi Kalman Kahana (Poale Agudat) complained that the Office Mechanization Centre had been forced to violate the Sabbath to supply the Alignment with its copy of the voters' register tape.  
Avraham Levenbraun (New Communists) complained that a short while after Peres warned the Arabs to steer clear of his party, shots were fired at the home of Nazareth Mayor Tawfik Zayyad MK. When this complaint provoked Peres' anger, Levenbraun said that he had not intended to suggest there was any direct connection between the two developments.  
"Nor an indirect connection either," grumbled Peres.  
Levenbraun also charged that in two Western Galilee villages, Abu Sinan and Kafar Yasif, gunmen of the United Arab List (which is Alignment-affiliated) shot at New Communist sympathizers.

# Favours to taxman weren't bribes

David Peled, suspended head of the Customs and Excise Department, on trial for receiving bribes and illegally holding foreign currency abroad, was a "good customer" of the Fiat company and, as such, was entitled to gifts and special services from the company, according to testimony given yesterday.  
The claim was put forward in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday by Yosef Bassan, Fiat's sales manager, who said that Peled had received special favours from the company because he has several times bought Fiat cars.  
Jerusalem District Attorney Michael Kirsch, who is seeking to prove that Peled had been favoured by the company because of his office, then asked Bassan to bring to the next session of Peled's trial evidence that other customers had benefited in 1974 from special treatment similar to what the company had extended to Peled that year.  
Peled is in yesterday's session. Mordechai Goldenberg, head of the Tel Aviv district sales tax division, testified that the considerable credits granted to the enterprises of the late William Robinson were no different than those extended to other companies in financial difficulties.  
With both witnesses Kirsch sought to prove that the favours were part of bribery arrangements, whereas defence attorney Shlomo Toussan-Cohen produced documents or drew from the witnesses answers indicating that there had been nothing amiss in the "mutual favours."



Jerusalem dignitaries, clerics, hotel owners and beauty queens all took their minds off the elections last night to attend a reception by the Jerusalem Hotel Association at the Holyland Hotel. Miss Israel, Yael Raviv, is seen releasing one of 10 doves set free to symbolize 10 years of reunified Jerusalem. Israel Beauty Queen Zahava Vardi looks on.

# Atherton in line for Cairo post

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton is apparently in line to replace Herman Eilts as the next U.S. ambassador to Egypt.  
"The Wall Street Journal" has reported that Atherton, 55, one of the U.S. Government's top experts on the Middle East, would succeed Eilts. State Department spokesmen, however, insisted that no "firm" decision has yet been made. They said that Atherton would remain in Washington "for the foreseeable future," although they did not rule out an ambassadorial assignment for Atherton — in Cairo or elsewhere — at some point.  
But two former U.S. officials who are close to Atherton privately confirmed that he would be going to Cairo later this year. Atherton has not been hiding his desire to win a major ambassadorial post. He reportedly expressed an interest in becoming ambassador to Israel. But Secretary of State Cyrus Vance felt that Atherton was needed to provide "continuity" during the first few months of the Carter Administration.

# Kahane held in Afula jail

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Rabbi Meir Kahane and 15 of his Jewish Defence League followers were arrested yesterday on Mount Gerizim near Nablus when they tried to make a symbolic settlement gesture. They were taken to jail in Afula.  
Kahane and his followers arrived near the site in two taxis and then walked up the mountain. But military police were on the spot and confronted Kahane with the order banning the militant rabbi from the area.  
Kahane is running for the Knesset in today's election at the head of the Kaeh ("Thus") list.  
A military government spokesman yesterday also reported that soldiers used tear gas to disperse crowds of demonstrating students in Ramallah. A small time bomb also exploded at a soldiers' bachelors' station near Nablus, but no one was hurt. No injuries or damages were reported in the Ramallah rioting, which was centred at the UNRWA teacher training college.

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# 1977/78 radio line-up includes imported shows

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Soon you won't have to tune in the Voice of America or the BBC to hear foreign English-language programmes. Israel Radio has decided to import good shows from the U.S. and England for the 1977/78 season and broadcast them on the Hebrew wavelengths.  
Broadcasting Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni and radio director Hagai Pinsker unveiled their plans for the schedule at the weekly board of directors meeting on Sunday. The line-up is subject to changes by the authority plenum and may be modified according to budget requirements. Unlike the TV schedule, which will start as a unit in July, the radio line-up will begin in July with new shows introduced gradually.  
The popular 7 a.m. news magazine "Haboker Haseh" will be expanded from its present 30 minutes to a full hour, and it will be repeated, for late risers, from 3 to 5 a.m., with updating when necessary.  
The Third Programme will present news on the half-hour, instead of on the hour, 19 times a day — "in a light manner," according to the authority, which does not offer any details of the new format.  
To the Second Programme's capsule news items devoted to topics such as religion and culture will be added others on the quality of life and transport.  
The authority has planned a live press-conference programme, like "Gentlemen of the Press" on Galei Zahal. Radio games such as detective programmes and science fiction shows are also in the works.  
An additional hour of news for immigrants in easy Hebrew will be broadcast every day on the First Programme. University courses you can follow on radio are also scheduled for the First Programme.  
The radio will also attempt to put together a satirical programme.  
Pinsker told the board that there will be more background music to accompany "the daily routine of life" with less chit-chat from announcers. Most programmes will be aired on a daily or weekly basis, rather than on a monthly schedule, he said.

# Yamani trying to heal oil price split

NICOSIA (AP). — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani flew unexpectedly to the United Arab Emirates for what was described as coordination talks on efforts to end the two-tier price system splitting the world's major oil exporting countries.  
Kuwait Radio reported Yamani's arrival in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the federation of emirates that sides with Saudi Arabia in lower prices for petroleum.  
Yamani's trip followed reports that the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have decided to call off an extra 5 per cent oil price increase scheduled for July 1.  
The 11, led by Iran and Iraq — the OPEC price hawks — increased the price of their oil 10 per cent on January 1. Saudi Arabia and the emirates refused the two-stage 16 per cent hike and opted for a 5 per cent raise for the whole of 1977.  
There has been speculation that Saudi Arabia may raise the price of its oil slightly in exchange for the others cancelling their July hike.

# Vigorous bids for Arab, Druse votes

By YOEL DAB  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
aces have been included in the list and that Christian Arabs and the Triangle are not well represented on it.  
The second purely Arab list is the "Reform" list, a breakaway from the Labour Party. Its No. 1 candidate is writer Mahmoud Abassi, who long and unsuccessfully negotiated for a "safe" Labour seat. Number 2 is Farhan Abdullah, an energetic official of the Haila Labour Council and a Greek Catholic. Third is a young woman, Hebrew University graduate Haula Sa'adi, the only female candidate on any Arab list.  
The third all-Arab list is "Just Coexistence," headed by Shaukat Shalaby, a Moslem school principal from the Triangle village of Bakaa al-Gharbiya. He is not expected to win a seat.  
Meanwhile, Rakah has cleverly promised Arab local council heads its support at the next local elections in return for their support for its "Democratic List" tomorrow. Many council heads have accepted this offer.  
Rakah has made the "Democratic List" still more attractive by giving seat No. 5 (regarded as safe) to Christian politician Hanna Molias, head of the Rama Local Council in Galilee.  
The Labour Party nevertheless hopes for 50,000 to 60,000 Arab votes, either direct or for the Arab lists which it backs against Rakah's hoped-for 120,000. The rest will be split among the Likud and the National Religious Party, the Citizens Rights Movement and Shelli which has an Arab in its fifth slot.  
ACRE. — The country's minority, (mainly Arab and Druse) voters, according to opinion polls, will cast more than 20 per cent of the votes for "the Rakah" Communist list. "Democratic List for Freedom and Equality" (Hadasah) in tomorrow's election.  
Nevertheless, campaigning in the minority sector has been vigorous on the part of nearly all parties, ranging from all-Arab lists to the Likud and the National Religious Party.  
The 208,000 minority voters — less than 10 per cent of the total electorate — include 27,000 Druse and 35,000 young people who will be casting their first votes.  
Although most are expected to go for "general" lists — mainly Rakah and Labour — minority voters this year have three all-Arab lists competing for their favour. The oldest of the three is the United Arab List, whose first three candidates are veteran Knesset Members Be'it-Din Zuhbi of Nazareth, Negev Beduin Sheikh Hamad Abu Rabbia, and Deputy Agriculture Minister Sheikh Jaber Musad.  
Zuhbi, who was mayor of Nazareth until Rakah gained a majority there, has had to limit his electioneering for health reasons (he suffered a heart attack several months ago). Musad, the Druse leader, is working hard at his campaign, appealing for votes not only among Druse and Arabs but also among Jews.  
The United Arab List is backed by the Labour Party, which regards it as a junior partner in a future coalition. Many young Arab (and Druse) voters hold this affiliation against it. They also resent the fact that no new

# Police station for harassed village

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A police station has been opened in the village of Deir Abu Mashal near Ramallah, to make the villagers feel safe and to deal with violators of law and order on the spot.  
This was announced at the meeting of the cabinet Sunday in response to a question by Minister Victor Shemtov concerning alleged night-time harassment of the village by groups of Jews. The defence and police ministers made it clear that attempts have been made to trace the culprits, but as yet to no avail.  
When mayors, councilmen and mukhtars from the region spent the night at Deir Abu Mashal three days ago to check out villagers' complaints, they themselves reported having heard automatic gunfire nearby.

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## How the votes are changed into Knesset seats

Given the impressive high voter participation in Israeli elections it is always a surprise to see how many votes are actually "wasted" in every election either in the form of invalid ballots or for lists which stand little chance of getting past the one per cent barrier which would qualify them to participate in the distribution of seats.

Voter participation has ranged between a high of 86.9 per cent in 1949 and a low of 75.1 per cent in 1951 with the figures for the last three elections being 83, 81.7 and 78.6 per cent respectively. Actually these figures are somewhat misleading with a downward bias due to the surprising fact that the close to 300,000 Israeli citizens who are believed to have emigrated since the establishment of the state have never been struck from the rolls. This means that voter participation among eligible Israelis who are in Israel is closer to 90 per cent plus, which would most likely constitute a world record for voluntary elections.

In the past three elections the percentage of votes that are disqualified was 3, 4.3 and 2 per cent, respectively, accounting for between two and five Knesset seats.

The number of votes given to small parties which did not make it into the Knesset was relatively high in the first two elections and then dropped steadily until 1973. In the elections to the present Knesset about 5 per cent of the votes were given to eleven lists which did not cross the one per cent barrier. In the current list of 22 parties it is believed that at least half stand no, or little, chance of getting past that barrier, and if past performance is an indicator they will account for about 5 per cent of the vote

(which could count for six seats if they were to be distributed among the parties that will make it into the Knesset).

One of the mistakes being made by some pollsters seeking to translate their percentage findings into Knesset seats is to disregard the effects of the Bader-Ofar amendment to the Knesset Elections Law adopted in 1973. In general, the amendment tends to benefit the largest parties in the distribution of surplus votes thus giving the Alignment and the Likud anywhere between 1-3 seats extra, each.

By YOSEF GOELL

Knesset seats are distributed in the following fashion. The total number of valid votes are first calculated. Lists which receive less than one per cent of that vote are excluded from the distribution. The total vote minus the votes given to these latter parties is then calculated and divided by 120, the number of seats in the Knesset. This gives the key to the first round of distribution of seats.

This key (which was 12,451 in 1973) is then divided into the number of votes each party received with the quotient in full numbers being the number of seats the party is allotted in the first round. In 1973, 115 seats were thus distributed in the first round. The remaining five seats were distributed according to the Bader-Ofar amendment which is based on the d'Hondt system.

Each party's vote are divided by the number of seats it has been allocated in the first round plus one. The party with the highest quotient gets the first surplus seat. This seat is then added to that party's divider

for the next round. The procedure is repeated until all the surplus seats are divided.

In the last elections the five surplus seats went to the Alignment (2) and one each to the Likud, the Citizens Rights Movement and Agudat Yisrael. Under the previous system of surplus vote distribution, these five seats would have gone to the Alignment, Agudat Yisrael, the CRM, the Independent Liberals and Moked.

Parties can also make agreements regarding the surplus votes. By this device two parties pool their quotients with the benefit going to the party with the highest surplus.

In today's elections such surplus agreements have been made between:

The Alignment and the United Arab List; Likud and Shlomzion; NRP and Agudat Yisrael; DMC and the Independent Liberals; Shelli and the Women's Party; Citizens' Rights Movement and the Movement of Arab Reform.

The number of eligible voters is estimated at about 2.25 million this time. If voter participation is about 80 per cent this should give 1,800,000 votes from which 100,000 or so should be subtracted as invalid or wasted on parties that do not pass the one per cent barrier. The key for the distribution of seats should thus be about 1,400,000 plus per seat.

The main results of the voting should be known by early Wednesday morning. Given the close finish predicted by many pollsters between the Alignment and the Likud the results of the Army vote which should be known by Friday at the latest might make a significant difference in the final distribution of Knesset seats.

## Electoral facts and figures

The Interior Ministry's voters' register lists about 2.25 million qualified voters, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports.

Of these, about 29 per cent are residents of the three main cities, 46 per cent live in the other larger cities, and 13 per cent in the remaining urban localities. The Jewish rural localities contain 8 per cent of the voters, and the kibbutzim 3 per cent.

The register is updated to Nissan 1 (March 20), but also includes people who will have reached their 18th birthday by today.

More than 91 per cent of the Jewish voters live in urban localities as compared with 5 per cent of the non-Jewish voters. Of the latter, about 15 per cent live in mixed (Jewish and non-Jewish) localities and the remaining 85 per cent in non-Jewish localities — 13 per cent of them in the larger cities, 27 per cent in the towns, 25 per cent in large villages, 11 per cent in small villages, and 9 per cent in Beduin encampments.

Since the December 1973 elections, the net growth in the number of qualified voters is about 200,000 (about 10 per cent), 150,000 of them Jews. The growth is accounted for by the accession of 200,000 people who have since turned 18, plus new olim who have become Israeli citizens, and the removal from the register of 80,000 names, mostly people who have died.

Since 1973, Jerusalem has acquired 20,000 additional voters and Haifa 8,000, while the Tel Aviv-Jaffa figure remains unchanged. The other old-established urban localities have acquired 105,000 additional voters — mainly in localities most of whose residents are from old-established families. The development towns and other newer urban localities have an additional 25,000 voters, whereas the moshavim have 8,500 and the kibbutzim 5,000 new voters.

Two-thirds of the non-Jewish voters are concentrated in the Acre (31 per cent), Jezreel (22), and Hadera (12) regions.

Of the non-Jewish voters, about 56 per cent, or some 22,000, are between the ages of 18 and 34.

More than 33 per cent of the Jewish voters live in the Tel Aviv district, nearly 20 per cent in the central district, about 16 per cent in the Haifa district, and 10 per cent each in the Jerusalem, northern, and southern districts.

Of the Jewish voters, 34 per cent are aged 18-34 and 14 per cent are 85 and older.

Persons of Asian-African origin comprise 43 per cent of the Jewish voters, and those of European and American origin are 52 per cent.

Over 30 per cent of the Jewish voters this year are native-born Israelis.

## MK for a day

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset was only one-third full yesterday for the special session called by the Likud opposition.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu opened the session by calling on the House to stand in silence in memory of the victims of the IDF helicopter disaster last week. He also mentioned the importance of Jerusalem Day.

Yeshayahu then called on Zvi Alderoti to take the Alignment seat vacated by the resignation of Aharon Yisraeli, who left his old party to join the DMC.

Alderoti came up to the podium to take the declaration of parliamentary allegiance, grinning like a Cheshire cat, since he will go down in parliamentary history as the shortest-serving MK ever.

Never before has a new MK been installed so close to an election. Alderoti will not be in the Ninth Knesset, since he is placed too low down (63) on his party's list.

Both Peres and Begin got many congratulations from their friends for their TV performance. The House voted into law on the second and third readings the Used Car Trade Law, which obliges dealers to give clients a full accounting of the car's state at the time of sale, and which provides for criminal as well as civil sanctions to deter unscrupulous dealers.

## Who's in the race for the Knesset

Shown below are the Knesset candidates topping the lists of the various parties.

### ALIGNMENT

1. Shimon Peres
2. Yigal Allon
3. Abba Eban
4. Shlomo Hillel
5. Meir Talmi
6. Haim Zadok
7. Moshe Dayan
8. Shoshana Arbel-Almozulino
9. Yitzhak Navon
10. Nattali Feder
11. Haim Barlev
12. Gad Ya'acobi
13. Aharon Yadin
14. Yehoshua Rabinowitz
15. Yehoshua Meshel
16. Tamar Sabar
17. Amos Hadar
18. Danny Rosolio
19. Chalka Grossman-Orkin
20. Yitzhak Rabin
21. Menahem Hacohen
22. Eliahu Moyal
23. Moshe Shahal
24. Eliahu Speiser
25. Uzi Baram
26. Moshe Amar
27. Jacques Amir
28. Yehoshua Zakai
29. Ora Namir
30. Yossi Sarid
31. Adi Amosai
32. Michael Harish
33. Imri Ron
34. Avraham Katz
35. Ze'ev Katz
36. Esther Herlitz
37. Yehuda Hersh
38. Hanita Keidar-Attias
39. Nuzhat Katzar
40. Ibrahim Shabat
41. Shaul Ben-Shimon
42. Yehiel Leket
43. Yosef Tekonah
44. Yosef Nevo
45. Yosef Herwitz
46. Dov Zakim
47. Masha Lubelsky
48. Ya'acov Frank
49. Aharon Nahmias
50. Ra'anan Na'im

### LIKUD

1. Menachem Begin
2. Simha Efrat
3. Yigal Horowitz
4. Ezer Weizman
5. Moshe Nissim
6. Yitzhak Shamir
7. Gideon Pitt
8. Moshe Arens
9. Yehoshua Flumin
10. Eliezer Shostak
11. David Levi
12. Avraham Sharir
13. Yoram Aridor
14. Pesach Grupper
15. Moshe Shamir
16. Hillel Seidel
17. Gula Cohen
18. Yitzhak Moda'i
19. Haim Korth
20. Avraham Katz
21. Yigal Cohen
22. Elhan Livni
23. Shmuel Reubman
24. Yigal Cohen
25. Yitzhak Berman
26. Mordecai Zipori
27. Dov Shilansky
28. Amnon Lim
29. Yosef Rom
30. Gustav Badian
31. Ehud Olmert
32. Moshe Katzar
33. Ronni Millo
34. Sarah Doron

### INDEPENDENT LIBERALS

1. Gideon Hausner
2. Avraham Hasson
3. Nissim Eliaz
4. Zvi Nir
5. Yitzhak Barkai

### CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT

1. Shulamit Aloni
2. Boaz Moav
3. Yehudit Buber-Agassi
4. Haim Skirball

### AGUDAT YISRAEL

1. Yehuda Meir Abramovitz
2. Menahem Porush
3. Shlomo Lorincz
4. Shlomo Yacov Gross
5. Yosef Melamed

### POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL

1. Kalman Kahana
2. Avraham Verdiger
3. Haim Kahan

### MAFDAL (National Religious Party)

1. Yosef Burg
2. Haim Druckman
3. Zevulun Hammer
4. Aharon Abu-Hatira
5. Avraham Melamed
6. Yehuda Ben-Meir
7. Eliezer Avtobi
8. David Gal (Glass)
9. Zerah Warhaftig
10. Benzion Rubin
11. Sarah Stern-Katan
12. Pinhas Sheinman
13. Aharon Cohen
14. Yisrael Navon
15. Yosef Matzliah

### COEXISTENCE WITH JUSTICE (Arab List)

1. Shawkat Massarwa
2. Abd el-Rahim Jabbara
3. Subhi Samara

### THE NEW GENERATION

1. Zvi Sa'ar
2. Gideon Zinger
3. Pinhas Goren

### ZIONIST PANTHERS — PRODUCTION WORKERS

1. Victor Tayar
2. Michael Goldstein
3. Salomon Almekals

### KACH MOVEMENT

1. Meir Kahane
2. Mera Potolsky
3. Yoel Lerner

### SHLOMZION

1. Ariel Sharon
2. Yitzhak Yitzhaki
3. Avraham Ben-Meir

### THE WOMEN'S PARTY

1. Shoshana Ellings
2. Ruth Fernick
3. T'hilya Hirschberg Bat-Oren

### ZIONIST AND SOCIAL RENEWAL

1. Mordecai Ben-Porath
2. Shmuel Yagel
3. Yosef Levy

### FLATTO-SHARON

1. Shmuel Flatto-Sharon

### ARAB REFORM MOVEMENT

1. Mahmoud Abbasi
2. Farhan Said
3. Khola Sa'adiya

### BEIT YISRAEL (United Yemenite List)

1. Ben-bor Yemini
2. Haim Levy
3. Ariel Simhon

### HOFESH (Black Panthers and Workers Front)

1. Shalom Cohen
2. Yehoshua Peretz
3. Ezra Camilian



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## Chinese circus

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER

THE CIRCUS has come to town, all the way from Taiwan.

The Chinese Circus Revue of Taiwan is not the conventional "big top" show. Highly spectacular, it includes acrobatic acts some of which are near Olympic standards, as well as juggling, magicians, folk-dancing and quite a few remarkable feats which sound like self-inflicted Chinese torture.

There are strong men — and strong women — who twist metal pipes around their necks, who perch bricks on their heads which are hammered to smithereens, or who rest happily on beds of nails or knives whilst their colleagues do headstands on top of them...and always come up smiling and bowing. At impresario Pashan's office, they assured me that all the bricks, iron bars and planks used in these various feats are absolutely genuine, straight off the Dismantling Centre building site.

Many of the acrobatic and stunts are part of a Chinese circus tradition which is said to date back to 200 BCE and are based on the oriental concept of achieving perfection through finding harmony between mind and body.

The cast to tour Israel consists of 32 performers, about half of whom are professional dancers. The male acrobats also double as clowns, though not the familiar western variety. Their purely acrobatic skill is outstanding.

Hai Ken-tai balances on top of a tower of chairs that rest on four champagne bottles.



## Westerners from Morocco

By LEAH ABRAMOWITZ/Special to The Jerusalem Post

SOME OF the first Westerners to come to Jerusalem, an ally of the 12th century, came from North African countries. Since these lie west of the Holy Land, those who came from that area, especially from Morocco, were called Ma'aravim.

Throughout the centuries, there were other waves of these immigrants, also known as Maghribim ("western" in Arabic), especially following the Expulsion from Spain and during the early Turkish conquest.

By the early 19th century, there were 800 North African Jews living here, mostly in Jerusalem. Their efforts to break away and establish a sub-community of their own, independent of the general Sephardi congregation, makes a fascinating but not exactly elegant chapter of Jerusalem's history.

The issues were, as so often is the case, money (collecting and distributing Halukha funds) and prestige (positions of religious leaders, judges, etc.). The Ma'aravim were generally very poor; it was the old, the indigent and the saintly (or all three) who immigrated from North Africa. They were considered of a lower status and decided because of different customs, dress and language; moreover, their French citizenship made a further distinction.

In 1854, claiming that their members were not receiving a fair share of Halukha money, a Maghribi leader, Moshe Turgeim, and his son Yosef proclaimed themselves independent of the Sephardi community and sent an emissary of their own to Morocco to collect funds.

This move was bitterly contested by the Haham Bashi, the chief rabbi who represented the Jewish com-

munity before the Turkish authorities. The Turgeims were excommunicated, which meant that they could have neither circumcisions nor funerals performed. The French consul, called into the case, took the side of the Sephardim and had the Turgeims arrested.

The final split came when the Jewish population had grown large enough to exist without strict unity, when the Ashkenazim had shown the way and when the right man presented himself. This man was Rabbi David Ben-Shimon also known as Ha-Dvash or Zuf Ha-Dvash (an acronym of the initials of his name and meaning "Honey" or "Nectar of Honey").

Rabbi Ben-Shimon, an outstanding scholar, was born in Rabat in 1822. When he decided to immigrate to the Holy Land in 1854, he brought a large following of Moroccan families with him, among them men of means. The new immigrants found their North African brethren living in hovels, and so poor that several had died of starvation during the drought of 1846.

The Zuf Ha-Dvash took up where the Turgeims had left off. As an Av Beit Din (judge), he had more rapport with the Haham Bashi. Nevertheless, the struggle for an independent status took six years, and only in 1860 was a temporary compromise reached.

The Ma'aravim were permitted to send emissaries of their own to collect Halukha money in North Africa, but only under the supervision of the Sephardi leaders. Although they could maintain their own spiritual leaders and judges, these too, remained under the jurisdiction of the Haham Bashi in matters of Halakha and representation before the Turkish authorities.

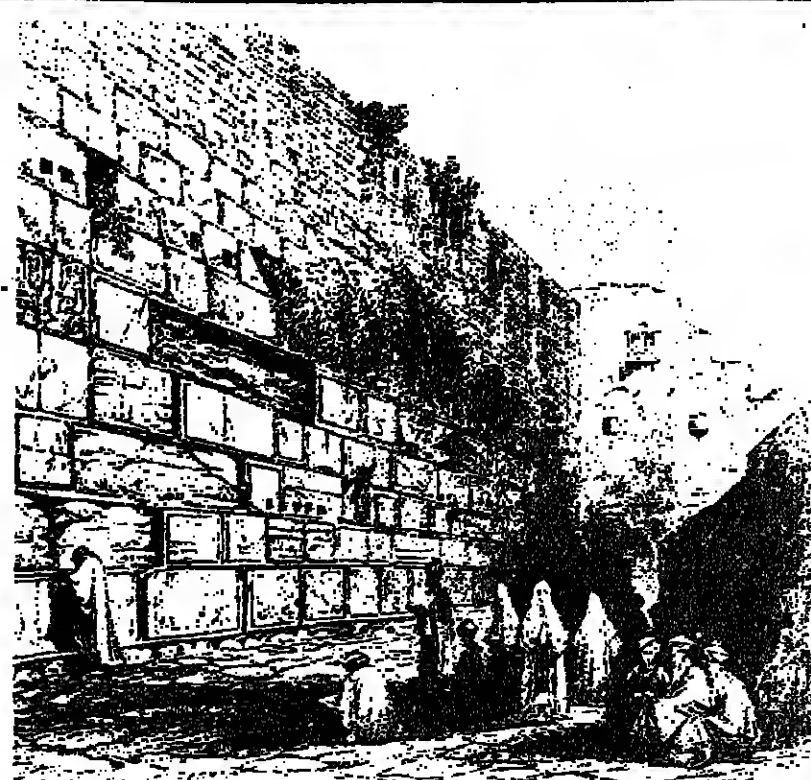
Many disputes arose between the Sephardi officials and the leaders of the quasi-independent Ma'aravim. The agreement signed in 1860 was often broken and much had feeling existed between the two rival camps. However, under the leadership of Rabbi David Ben-Shimon, the North African community grew in size and confidence.

THE ENGLISH philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, who had taken a great interest in the North African population since visiting Morocco in 1850 (at the age of 79), supported many projects on their behalf, including a housing scheme.

In 1845, Zuf Ha-Dvash organized a new neighbourhood outside the Old City walls where the Mamilla Quarter is today. Called Mahane Yisrael, it was the second Jewish settlement outside the Old City's protecting walls and represented a true pioneering effort that gave further indication of Ben-Shimon's faith and forward-looking ideas.

Mahane Yisrael has never been properly publicized for two reasons: 1) It was a small neighbourhood, temporarily abandoned several times during its early history, and 2) offspring of the early settlers were never fully aware of its historic significance.

Numerous reports sent to Montefiore by the Ma'aravim show that in the 1860s they set up two synagogues, three study houses, a yeshiva, several charitable organizations and even attempted a short-lived agricultural project. One of these synagogues is currently being renovated in the Jewish Quarter; its distinctive, elongated dome, high windowless hall and stone-decorated entrance-way give testimony of a glorious past.



Western Wall, drawn by William Henry Bartlett in 1842.

By 1872, the Ma'aravim community numbered 1,000 and by 1903 there were already 2,300 North African Jews in Israel. Once the organization became too much for his sole leadership, the Zuf Ha-Dvash set up a committee of seven to meet the needs of the community (1868). He served as the committee's head and Av Beit Din until his death in 1880.

During all the years of his leadership, Zuf Ha-Dvash continued his scholarly pursuits and wrote several important books on Halakha. A set of four books dealing with religious laws of Eretz Yisrael and love of the Holy Land are called collectively "Sha'are Zedek."

He was survived by two sons, Masud Ben-Shimon, who became a rabbi of the North African community in Egypt, and Rafael Aaron Ben-

Shimon, who for a time was the Chief Rabbi of Egypt.

During the 28 years that Zuf Ha-Dvash served as his community's leader and spiritual guide (1854-1880), he exhibited outstanding organizational and diplomatic qualities, which enabled the group to break away from the Sephardi establishment while maintaining a working relationship of tolerance and cooperation. Other groups learned from his experience and copied it — such as the Yemenites ten years later.

His understanding and sincere concern for every member of the community resulted in its flourishing. Few men of the 19th century attained greater respect or had greater effect within the Jewish population of Jerusalem.

## Dayan's Vietnam diary

WRITERS AND READERS/Sraya Shapiro

EUGENE ROSTOW had a way of phrasing his remarks clearly and precisely, "a bit mechanically," Moshe Dayan observed after the two met in Washington, in July, 1968.

The U.S. will leave Vietnam "if and when" a peace is achieved, when clear security guarantees are worked out for South Vietnam in the framework of the South-East Asian Treaty Organization. It would not happen "tomorrow," Rostow was sure. Only after peace is made. And only if the South Vietnam government asks the Americans to go, Rostow was at that time the President's adviser on national security. Dayan, a former minister of agriculture, was on his way to Vietnam, to "cover" the war for the Tel Aviv afternoon daily "Ma'ariv." His diary is now available in book form, published by "Dvir" (170 pp.).

Today, after the U.S. has virtually recognized the invaders' rights in Saigon, the Dayan diary reads ominously. One cannot but feel a shudder when words like "peace" and "guarantees," so much used by all parties in search of a settlement in the Middle East, are used against the background of Vietnam. Some American officers to whom the author spoke in Saigon firmly asserted that it was an American interest they were serving, "though they did not know clearly what this interest was."

That is not surprising, since a soldier in a democratic country is conditioned to rely on the civilians to establish the nation's political goals. But, most probably, the civilians in Washington had no clear idea what they expected in Vietnam. The Saigon leaders urged the Americans to take Hanoi. The military chiefs

must have realized early enough that no decision would be possible with the half-hearted way the campaign was being conducted. But in Washington there were Senator Fulbright and others whose speeches, when they reached Saigon, made the American officers squirm.

There were other elements in the Vietnam "mess," which Dayan notes. The Americans, after all, were tolerated in Vietnam only because they were fighting the Communist enemies of the regime. Two Siamese generals told Dayan that the Asians would prefer Chinese domination to American rule. Indeed, the Americans did their best to develop local authority; but they did most of the fighting, and they did it the American way, with a plethora of mechanical equipment. (Every Vietnamese farmer, plough, harrow, bulldozer to plough his land with from what the Americans will have left behind, Dayan notes.) Hindered by so many handicaps, the Vietnam war was doomed from the beginning.

In a recent speech in Tel Aviv, Dayan said the Americans were aware that they let the South Vietnamese down when they promised them to return if the North attacked them. "They probably never thought of coming back, in the first place," he said wryly. He recalled Vietnam for a purpose. The American people, he said, are basically a "very moral people," and the sacrifice of South Vietnam obviously weighs on their conscience. So, if Israel refuses to declare there is a threat to her existence because that is not what the U.S. wants to hear, there will be enough Americans to remember Vietnam before it is too late.

## Where for footwear?

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS/Joanna Yehiel

ACCORDING to news reports, the hoarders and stockers are out buying up rice, oil and sugar, for fear of an immediate post-election devaluation. If you are thinking of buying ahead, then footwear is one item you can buy safely in advance.

Apart from children's shoes, where you can't predict size, shoes — be they boots, clogs, sandals or slippers — can be bought months, if not years, in advance, with no fear of one's foot size changing, and the only gamble being that of fashion.

Spring shoes are now in Jerusalem's shoe stores — and,

proving my point, a very great many of the sandals are exactly the same as those we saw in the shops last year. Only the prices are different.

As we in the Capital are not lucky enough to have a Neve Sha'anani area for cheap shoe shops (by the Tel Aviv Central Station), I took a look at the few shoe stores clustered in and around Mahane Yehuda market. They are dusty, musty and unappealing — but you can find the occasional bargain. Those rubber and jeans sneaker-type shoes that sold in their millions last summer are marked at IL55 in Mahane Yehuda stores (and of course are open to haggling); in Rehov Ben Yehuda, exactly the same shoe is selling for IL70. Multi-colored Terry travelling slipper-sandals are IL35 at Mahane Yehuda and IL35 in Rehov Ben Yehuda. Whether you find it's worth making the trip to the market to save that IL5 or IL10 is up to you.

AT THE OPPOSITE end of the scale, the Capital has now acquired a four-plate-glass-windowed fashion house for shoes: Mera, also in Rehov Ben Yehuda. Mera makes its own shoes, and it's good to see a shop devoted entirely (as far as I could see in the window display) to goods made in Israel. Prices are from middling to high: clogs are from about IL85 and a fine-heeled strappy evening sandal can cost you IL388.

If you want something more everyday, then Matutner's in Ben Yehuda will sell you an ordinary low-heeled leather sandal with a thong at IL31 — good with slacks — or a candy-striped high-heeled sandal (very "in" this summer) at IL288. And if you're ready to spend? Then to my mind Rosset's (also Ben Yehuda) is still Jerusalem's most original store, with the highest heels, the brightest colours, the most up-to-date fashion looks. But be careful; you could find yourself paying out IL425 for an evening sandal, (although of course there are shoes on sale here for much less).

Which reminds me: shopping in Tel Aviv at Auri in Rehov Ahenby for a pair of shoes for my husband, we admired (from afar) their new stock of Italian-made Moretti shoes — all priced at well over IL2,000 a pair.

# LOOK BACK IN ANGER LOOK FORWARD WITH COURAGE

by M.K. Simcha Erlich

Dear Voter,

I imagine that when you look at my picture, you'll be looking for my horns. Because I am the monster, the Alignment says, which is going to turn you out of your job, force you to join the ranks of the unemployed, unable to support your family.

During this election campaign, the Alignment has made many, many promises and resorted to vilifications. The Alignment apparently feels that, relying on past experience, you won't believe all their promises anyway. And they're right. They only have one hope left — that at least you'll believe their vilifications.

In this election campaign, the Alignment has made one golden rule — not to tell the public any unpleasant truth. Only vote Alignment and everything in the garden will be rosy. This approach is an insult to your intelligence. In the Alignment's eyes you are not an adult, thinking person, but a retarded child, to be put to sleep with fairy tales. The good fairies of the Alignment will give you everything, and the evil spirits of Likud only want to hurt you.

But you are not a child. And you must know the truth. Actually, you do know the truth. The economic situation of the country has reached an all-time low. There are reasons for this for which nobody was responsible. But the economic leadership of the Alignment contributed greatly to this situation. It is no coincidence that not once in the Alignment's press and television advertising have you seen the Finance Minister, Yehoshua Kabotnik. This is one of those things that the Alignment wants to hide.

Anybody who tells you that things can continue as they are and without unemployment is deceiving you wickedly. Take the Budget prepared by the Ministry of Finance. This is also hidden from you. What is in this Budget? I'll tell you. An unemployment figure of 5% is expected! The Ministry of Finance, under the Alignment leadership, is preparing a paper, according to which, one bread-winner out of twenty will be unemployed!

Anybody who knows anything about economics will understand that an annual inflation rate of 40%, coupled with a reduction of foreign support will be the main cause of mass unemployment. And it is from this fact that the Likud's economic programme will save the country! The primary objective of the Likud's economic programme is to reduce inflation. We won't bluff you and claim that we will put an end to inflation overnight. That is a long and difficult process and demands courage and the ability to get things done. Our programme calls for the reduction of the inflation rate to no more than 15% during the first year. How are we going to do this? Mainly by reducing Government waste and the encouragement of labour transfer to the production line. This cannot be accomplished without a minimum of temporary unemployment. If anybody tells you the opposite, he's not telling you the truth and is not worthy of your confidence. What it is possible to do — and what the Likud will do — is to arrange a system of professional job retraining and unemployment insurance, so that nobody at any time during the transition period will have to suffer. The Alignment is trying to frighten you by telling you that the Likud has a policy of unemployment. But you know

full well who in this country initiated the policy of slow-down and unemployment — the Alignment!

In continuation of its fairy tale, the Alignment has tried to tell you, not only verbally, but also visually on television, that the Likud will send the army against striking workers. Television needs pictures and the Alignment gave pictures to accompany its tales. Have you ever asked yourself when these pictures were taken? They were photographed during the Alignment regime. In short, they are frightening you by telling you that the Likud will do what the Alignment has already done. The man who suggested using the army to break strikes was none other than the Alignment's election campaign manager, Minister Haim Bar-Lev, in person. Have you ever asked yourself why three-quarters of the strikes have been by those employed in Government service sectors and not in the private sector? In other words, in those establishments in which the Alignment is the employer? There's a reason for this — and you know it. After years and years of a faltering regime, nobody believes any more in the Alignment or its leaders. Nobody is prepared any longer to listen to its moral preaching. Everybody can see how they behave, how they live and how they get around the law and common decency. How can we relate to pleas for restraint when these pleas come from their mouths?

Dear Voter, the Jewish people have distinguished themselves in their economic achievements in every country in which they have been given even the smallest freedom and opportunity. Yet here in the State of Israel, the Jewish State, where Jews have the greatest opportunity and fullest freedom, this is the only country in the world in which Jews

have failed economically. That is because there is no other country in the western world where a government has such a tight control over economy. That's how the Alignment wants it. It has instituted a regime under which a person cannot move without a permit and without a currency allocation, without a government development loan and without permission for land allotment. We can all see for ourselves that such a regime is bankrupt. The Alignment leaders themselves say that they cannot support the economic programmes they designed for you. This time has come to choose another road, a road free of injustice, without protection, without over-intervention of the government in economic affairs, without an inflated budget under the terms of which the Government takes everything from everybody, to distribute among its cronies.

The Likud platform decrees economic freedom under which the Government sets the policy and arranges infrastructure, and with everybody being free to initiate, to produce and to earn. Yes — also to earn and earn well for productive work. Such an atmosphere will attract to Israel Jews from all over the world; those who are now running away from investing in the country. And without investment, there's no future for any of us.

On you, the voter, lies a heavy responsibility. You, with your vote, can perpetuate the economic system of the Alignment, already bankrupt in your eyes. But you can also open a new era for Israel — an era of initiative and activity, a true equality of opportunity and the development of Jewish productive ability. Don't believe anybody who tells you that he will give you something you haven't made. He doesn't have from where or from what to give you. He can only take from you, to return a small portion of what he took, to take the largest portion for himself and then make out that he's doing you a great favour. That's what the Alignment has been doing until this day. And that's how we've arrived at our present situation. Only believe those who tell you that they'll help you to produce more, and won't interfere with you while you're doing it.

During the past three years you've been telling yourself almost daily: The country's lost with the Labour Party. You've heard from the Alignment's Minister of Finance himself that the country is on the edge of an abyss.

You now have the power and the opportunity to save Israel and yourself from the corruption of the Alignment. There's only one way to do this:

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Pupils of the American International School in Kfar Shmaryahu are staging Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," under the professional direction of Steven Byk and Jeanne Rabin. The outdoor set, built by pupils and teachers, recreates a medieval Japanese garden, complete with arched bridge, reflecting pool, and lanterns. Japanese Kabuki make-up, wigs, and authentic costuming complete the scene. Here Koko gets his make-up. (David Burns)

### For those who enjoy violence

CINEMA

**THE ENFORCER** (general release) Director James Fargo. Starring Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino, Bradford Dillman, Tyne Daly.

SOME films seem to be made for the sole purpose of depicting violence and murder but often attract phenomenally large audiences.

"The Enforcer" is the third in the hard-hitting Dirty Harry series. Two gas company workers are viciously killed by the pervert leader of a terrorist gang calling itself, for no ideological reason, "The People's Revolutionary Strike Force." Using the company van, the gang steal high-explosives and hazooks from a warehouse, blow up a building and eventually kidnap the city mayor.

Cool, ruthless and indispensable homicide inspector Clint Eastwood, hampered by an officially assigned female partner (Tyne Daly), shoots his way through San Francisco and Alcatraz to find and break the killer-gang.

The film lacks all substance and the acting is secondary to the action. But it is rewarding loaded with heavy weapons, gushing blood, brutal excitement and some visually informative shots of San Francisco. Those who enjoy violence, did not see "The Human Factor" is a compelling and serious anti-terrorist film showing at the Chen, Haifa) and are not into Women's Lib, will certainly get their kicks.

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## Sticking it out to help Hatzor

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THERE ARE three signs that Robin Wallach has "made it" in the Galilee town of Hatzor: People stop here in the street to joke about "which kibbutz" she's from. (She's from Malverne, New York.) Children on their way home from school drift into the yard of the day-care centre where she works, just to say hello. And local families are trying to marry her off.

She came to the development town of 8,500 in October through the Sherut La'am programme, after a three-month ulpan in Kiryat Shmona with 70 other volunteers. A fellow-volunteer in Hatzor has since dropped out of the programme, but Robin seems to have found a place for herself and is considering extending her temporary stay to two years.

The grass, what there is of it, is not all green. "Being here is very satisfactory as a life experience, but I've had better professional experience," she said. A graduate of Cornell University's programme in early education, at 23 she has already had significant training and teaching experience. In Hatzor, she is reduced to the role of assistant to the head of the Na'amat day-care centre. She said she believes most of the volunteers, all university graduates, could be better exploited in the field.

She spends much of her time visiting the homes of the children enrolled at the centre, strengthening contact with the parents and children.

She has also set up links with local high school students, first by tutoring English, and then by maintaining the friendship established over imperatives and superlatives.

Her material rewards is an apartment to live in, and IL500 a month. She knew her budget would be tight — and it is. "But I expected worse," she said.

Through the Sherut La'am programme (sponsored by the World Zionist Organization), she goes on trips occasionally with other volunteers. But she said she has learned something about mobility from the residents of Hatzor — at least those who stay to build the town. "People here know what's outside, but are content. It's nice to see, since I come from a place where people are always running after more of everything."

## Did you smile at the rapist?

By SHARAN SANDHU LONDON (Reuter). — A raped woman who is not middle class, a virgin, or a pensioner, is unlikely to get much sympathy from the British police, according to a report just out. The claim is made in the first report of the year-old Rape Crisis Centre set up in North London to provide a 24-hour service for rape victims.

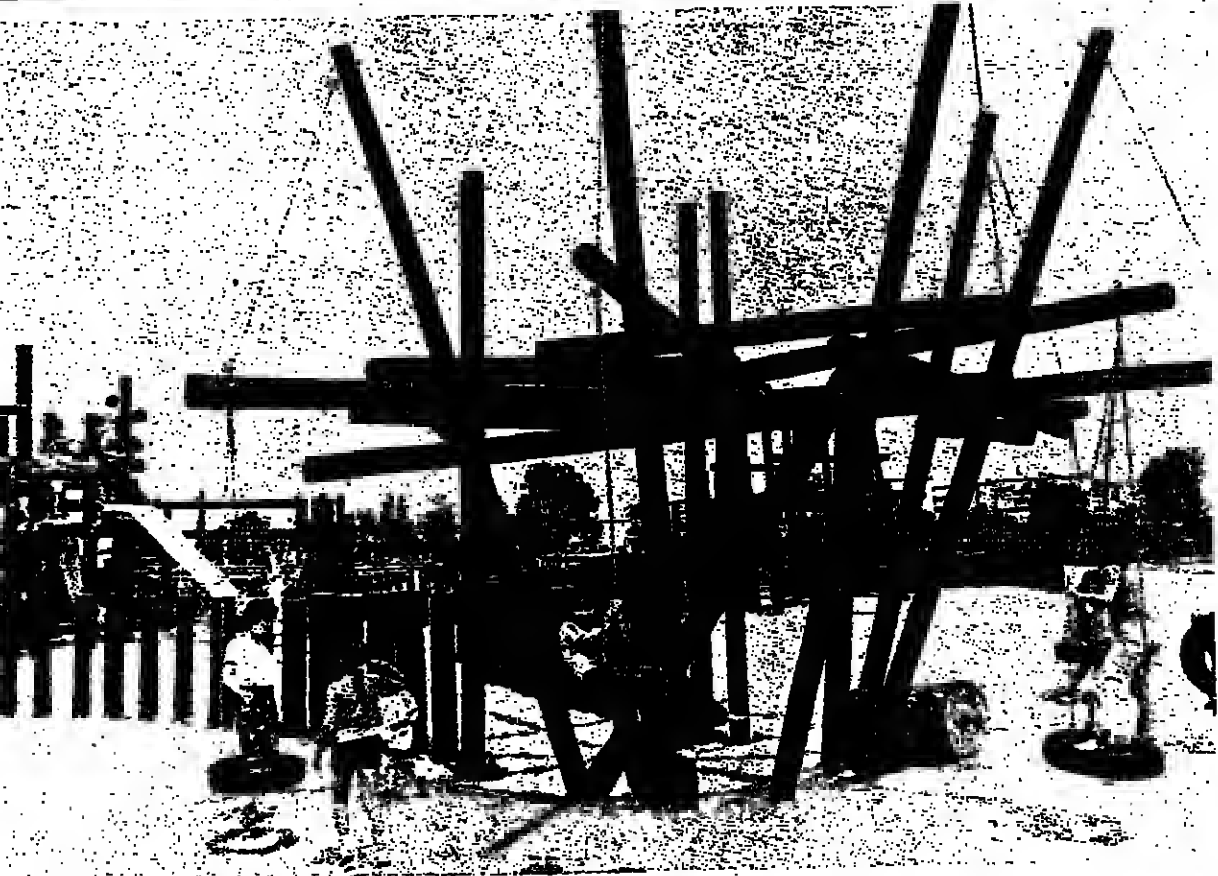
"Not infrequently, suggestions have been made to the raped woman that she provoked the attack," said the report, singling out the London Police Force for their unsympathetic treatment of the victims. A woman who was not badly beaten might, for example, be asked whether she smiled at her attacker or how she was wearing her hair at the time.

"There are two common insinuations made by police to raped women. They are often asked if they are on the 'pill,' the assumption being that if so they are promiscuous and therefore cannot be raped or deserve to be.

"On the other hand, a woman who has no contraception at all, is assumed to be crying rape to explain away an unwanted pregnancy," it said.

"All in all, there is an open belief that women for a number of unspoken and mythical reasons make false allegations and have some perverted and malicious reason for doing so."

The Centre, the only one of its kind in Britain, provides emergency legal, medical and emotional counselling. It has been criticised by Metropolitan Police because it does not press victims to go to the police. A spokesman for the Centre said



Old wooden pylons and tyres converted into challenges for children. (Paul Meising)

## Projects for the people

By YA'ACOV ARDON / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"PROJECTS for the People" is the name of a society founded about a year ago by 50 businessmen and company executives, on the initiative of Israel Electric Corporation general manager Ariel Amiad. A former deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, he felt that business — in the broad sense of the word — owed it to the public to improve the environment and meet welfare needs through projects that a local authority would or could not undertake.

The idea stirred enough imaginative men, among them bankers, industrialists, private and labour, building contractors and executives of services to bring together a group of 50. They agreed to contribute a minimum of IL20,000 each (Deputy chairman Dr. Hecht thought it was not nearly enough), and to undertake, with a "starting capital" of IL1m., a model project to test whether the idea was still as good when realized as it looked in the debating stage.

All the society's members pledged to work as volunteers, to take turns in carrying out a project assigned to them, and to keep costs down by recycling discarded materials. The Electric Corporation will head the queue of executors in carrying out Amiad's project: an adventure playground.

"Once it is completed, we want the local authority to take the project over and run it. We approached the Haifa municipality and it took up the idea with enthusiasm," the society's chairman Amiad explained last week.

"It provided ten dunams of empty ground in Kiryat Ha'im, adjoining the Haifa stadium there, undertook to match the contribution by IL1m. of its own and to build approach roads, and other facilities. Deputy Mayor Yosef Blustein said the playground would form part of a 100-dunam park to be planted there."

The Electric Corporation provided old wooden pylons, tyres and other materials, bought an old boat that was falling apart and had it reconditioned for inland duty and commissioned landscape architect Gideon Sarig to plan the adventure playground. He explained that it would be designed to give children the pleasure of a variety of movement, of testing their physical capacity, of releasing surplus energy on towers, seesaws, slides, chutes, swaying bridges, nets and a labyrinth. From an observation platform parents will be able to keep an eye on their children, and the municipality will post a guard for safety's sake. The playground will be opened this month.

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## AS ISLAND SEPARATISTS FIGHT POLICE Soares assures Mondale on use of Azores base

LISBON (UPI). — U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale yesterday received assurances from Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares that his government will not seek to force the U.S. to withdraw its Lajes Air Force Base in the Azores, which became controversial during the 1973 Middle East war when the U.S. used it in its airlift to Israel.

"The base is not being put into doubt at all by us," Soares told reporters after meeting with Mondale at Sao Bento Palace.

The troubled situation in the Azores — where separatists wish to secede from Portugal and become part of the U.S. — figured importantly in the talks between Mondale and Portuguese leaders.

Armed separatists on the islands, more than 1,000 kilometers away in the Atlantic Ocean, attacked a police headquarters early yesterday after police hauled down one of their flags in Ponta Delgada. Also, a bomb exploded outside a Portuguese radio installation. Nine persons were hurt in the gun and rock-throwing fight with police.

Soares minimized the separatist movement in talking with journalists, saying it was confined to a minority on the island of Sao Miguel.

"The Azoreans are Portuguese with the same rights and duties," he said.

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**FOLLOW THE SIGN.** — This truck, loaded with asphalt, escaped serious damage when the floor of a parking garage collapsed in Providence, Rhode Island, on Sunday. Two men in the truck were not injured. (UPI telephoto)

### Shtern asks to stay in the Netherlands

THE HAGUE (AP). — Dr. Mikhail Shtern, the Jewish physician released from a Soviet prison camp last March, has asked for political asylum in the Netherlands, the Justice Ministry said yesterday.

A ministry spokesman said Shtern's request was under study.

The 58-year-old physician was given an eight-year jail term in 1974 for allegedly taking bribes from patients. He was released early on what Soviet authorities called humanitarian grounds and was later allowed to leave for the West. Shtern has always claimed that he was jailed for his refusal to prevent his two grown sons from emigrating to Israel.

Shtern, who has been undergoing treatment at an Amsterdam clinic, arrived in the Netherlands on April 21 after a brief stop in Vienna following his release.

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## IRA ends lull by killing kidnapped British captain

BELFAST (AP). — Irish Republican Army guerrillas said yesterday they had "executed" a British army captain abducted on Saturday night in Northern Ireland.

"We arrested him on Saturday night and executed him after interrogation," the IRA's 1st battalion in South Armagh County said in a statement.

The IRA, which is fighting to end British rule in the province, claimed that the officer, Capt. Robert Lawrence Nairac, 29, of the elite Grenadier Guards regiment, was working with the Strategic Air Service (SAS), the crack British unit combating terrorism.

An army spokesman said: "We have only just heard the news and are still looking into it. Despite what the statement said, the captain was definitely not an SAS man."

The army said the young captain's body had not been found.

Nairac was abducted by two men after a struggle in a parking lot outside The Three Steps tavern in Drumintree, near the border with the Irish Republic in South Armagh, the territory known to security forces as "bandit country."

The army said Nairac, who worked in intelligence and was a liaison officer between the army and local police, was on duty at the time but dressed in civilian clothes.

Guerrilla activity by the mostly Catholic IRA had been slack in the past two weeks while Protestant extremists tried to paralyze Ulster with a general strike.

The strikers had argued that Britain was not taking tough enough action against IRA guerrillas.

The strike fizzled out on Friday after most of the one million Protestant majority in the turbulent province ignored the strike call.

British rush H-bomb project

LONDON (AP). — British nuclear scientists are rushing to finish work on a hydrogen bomb and a warhead to beat an expected ban on hydrogen bomb tests by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, London's "Daily Mail" said yesterday.

The conservative daily said the projects will give Britain a weapons system independent of the U.S.

It said the British cabinet "ordered the rush because it believes the 20-year-old nuclear cooperation treaty with the U.S. is unlikely to be renewed by Carter when it expires next year. That would exclude Britain from the underground testing base in Nevada."

A scheduled Nevada test of an advanced British H-bomb has been brought forward several months and is expected soon, the report said. It claimed two new, all-British hydrogen weapons are a small bomb for Royal Air Force bombers based in West Germany and a warhead for the Royal Navy's 64 Polaris rockets carried by submarines.

The "Mail" said: "President Carter is pressing the Russians for a rapid ban on all nuclear testing" in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), which resume in Geneva next week.

As a military alliance, it has lost much of its reason for existence. The Russians, against whom it was originally aimed, are actively wooing the Turks with massive economic assistance and have eased their bailing of Iran's Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, with whom they have also made big economic deals in recent years, and who once himself described CENTO as a paper tiger.

Despite this, there is no great desire evident among the member nations to wrap up CENTO as a product of the cold war era.

One reason is that any breakup of the organization would be a gift for Communist propaganda mills about the decline of the West.

"CENTO has performed a very valuable function," as Vance put it before he left after the first round of talks. "I see no reason why it should not continue."

In fact, Vance will be the host at the next meeting, scheduled for Washington next April, when the platitudes and homilies which have become a feature of the annual sessions should be repeated.

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## Basque strike paralyzes region after five deaths

MADRID. — Spain's northern Basque country was brought to a standstill yesterday as an estimated half-million workers walked out of shops, factories and offices in protest at five deaths during last week's campaign for the release of political prisoners.

The strike sparked new violence between police and demonstrators, and first reports said an unknown number of persons were injured, some of them gravely. The reports said violent clashes occurred in Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona and Vitoria — the respective capitals of the four Basque provinces.

In Bilbao, demonstrators barricaded the main streets, halting all public transport. They hurled rocks and fire bombs and overturned cars, some of them with their passengers still inside.

Heavily armed riot police fired smoke flares, rubber bullets and in some places real bullets to scatter the crowds, witnesses said.

Labor sources and the national news agency Cifra said the Basque region with its close to four million inhabitants was virtually paralyzed.

The stoppages also spread to Madrid and other cities where labour unions called on their members to strike in protest.

The Basque strike — which local labour experts described as the

region's biggest in more than 40 years — was called to protest last weekend's police action against demonstrators demanding the freeing of Spain's last remaining political prisoners, about 40 of whom are Basques accused or convicted of terrorism.

The unions demand that the police officials responsible for the deaths and scores of injured be punished.

The latest death occurred on Sunday in Ortuella, where Manuel Fuentes Mesa, a 31-year-old metal worker and shop steward, was shot through the head by the paramilitary civil guards police force.

The government of Vizcaya province has said it was investigating Fuentes' death, but did not say how it occurred.

The government yesterday blamed the deaths on aggression and provocation of security forces by extremists.

In its first official reaction to the violence, the Interior Ministry said the security forces had been the object of constant aggression and insults and warned that order would be rigorously maintained.

The government said 288 political prisoners had been freed under a wide-ranging amnesty decreed last March by King Juan Carlos. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

Eight arrested after clash at neo-Nazi rally

HAMBURG, West Germany (UPI). — Police arrested eight persons on Sunday after an outburst of violence between members of rival neo-Nazi and leftist groups.

A police spokesman said 11 persons suffered injuries during the free-for-all.

The fist-fights erupted after several hundred leftist wing demonstrators temporarily prevented the rightist German People's Union from holding a party rally.

Former Nazi Luftwaffe Col. Hans-Ulrich Rudel, Adolf Hitler's favorite pilot, and Gerhard Frey, publisher of the "Deutsche Nationalzeitung" newspaper, were featured as the main speakers at the rightist rally.

Rudel appeared in the spotlight last November after the West German defence minister fired two top air force generals who had defended Rudel's appearance at an "old-timers" traditional rally at an air force base.

When about 400 German People's Union members and followers arrived at the building where their rally was to take place, they found it occupied by as many left-wing demonstrators. The rightists thereupon moved to a beer hall to hold their meeting. They were immediately followed by left-wing demonstrators who dragged the rightists into "free-for-all."



Juanita Castro, sister of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, led a demonstration against the Havana government in New Orleans on Sunday. She was protesting the departure of the first U.S. cruise ship to sail for Cuba in 16 years. (UPI telephoto)

## Bahrain ousts U.S. Navy from Gulf base

BAHRAIN. — After three years of wavering, Bahrain has finally decided to end the home port privileges of the U.S. Navy's Middle East force, Foreign Minister Mohammad Bin Mubarak al-Khalifa said on Thursday.

The three-ship fleet will still be welcome to call here and take on supplies, he said. But after June 30, the former British naval base at Fakhir will no longer be the home port of the fleet's flagship or the headquarters of its commander, he said.

The fate of the American installation here — which all involved insist

is a "facility" and not a base — has been the subject of delicate negotiations between the U.S. and Bahrain for many months. Khalifa indicated that a formula has been found that will allow the Americans to continue to use Bahrain, with its strategic location and modern air port — to supply and service the Middle East fleet, without leaving Bahrain open to charges of harbouring a U.S. military base.

The U.S. Navy has operated out of this tiny island for some 30 years, first as tenants of the British and

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# Batsheva excels at erotic studies

By DORA SOWDEN

ALL THE four ballets in the programme of the Batsheva Dance Company in Jerusalem on May 14 were erotic studies: Christopher Bruce's "Voices" was lyrically sensual; Yair Vardi's "As I Wish" energetically sensual; the late John Cranko's "Ebony Concerto" was comically erotic; and Gene Hill Sagan's new "Garden of Kall," ardently so.

As a "first," Yair Vardi's duet was a more than ordinary achievement. A duet is a difficult form for maintaining continuous interest, though perhaps easier for creating choreographic continuity. As much depends on the dancers as on the development. The ballet scored both ways.

The working out in series of unusual holds, dangerous lifts, challenging turns, had a vibrant volatility. The two dancers — Yair Vardi himself and splendidly controlled Tamar Tzafir — never let the impulse flag as they went through the agonies and ecstasies of their relationship. There was, indeed, a tendency to crowd too much into time and space (to two movements of a *Ginastera* quartet), and some sections could with advantage be thinned out. Yet the total effect had the same well-defined conviction that Vardi's own dancing always shows.

Bruce's "Voices," which opened the evening, was a model of patrician elegance, not lacking in passionate implication. Three couples moved in *adagio*, with contrasting quick-moving episodes. The entwining moves were inventive. Even the conventional lifts had a certain freshness of style. Though modern in movement, the ballet glowed with classical grace.

Nurit Stern's flowing line focussed the attention most often but all six

dancers — the others being Dalia Divir, Roger Briant, Margalit Rubin, Rahamim Ron and Yair Vardi — showed pliant confidence, even in intricate passages.

Gene Hill Sagan's latest premiere, "The Garden of Kall," began with an innocence reminiscent of sylphides, even in some attitudes of the five girls. Soon those five, who had been swaying their arms languidly to the Sibelius "Valse Triste," turned into a set of hours as the music changed and progressed through the rhythms of Ravel's "La Valse." Perhaps insufficiently diffused lighting had made the opening tableau look tame. Possibly the choreographer wanted it so. Once Yair Vardi entered among the love-sick maidens, the music began to communicate its wild pulse, and the dancers became whirling sirens. The solo male's stripping could have been a tease but was discreetly managed and fitted into the Walpurgis-like orgy. Lea Avraham was exceptional among the swiftly gyrating dancers. Dalia Divir hardly less agile, and Dalia Divir, Margalit Rubin and Varda Daniell all admirably kept up the heady excitement. The laurels, however, must go to Yair Vardi. It was his fourth appearance in strenuous roles (including "Ebony Concerto" which he shared with Tamar Tzafir and Rahamim Ron). He retained stamina as he swung the five love-hungry women through the air was his secret. It was definitely his night.

"THE DYBBUK" theme of Anaky's famous play is to appear as dance in a Batsheva Company premiere in Jerusalem on Saturday. Choreographer is Rina Yerushalmi, an Israeli who has until now been more involved with direction than dance. She teaches acting and directing at the Tel Aviv University.

## Consistent lack of feeling

PIANO RECITAL BY SUSAN GAZLER (Tel Aviv Museum, May 19). Chapin; 3 Mazurkas; Nocturne; Sonata in B flat minor; Schumann: "Carnaval".

SUSAN GAZLER, a newcomer to our concert stage, started promisingly but from the first movement of the Chopin sonata to the end of the recital, there was an almost steady decline.

The short Chopin pieces had their charms, played with a pleasantness of sound and an intimate, slightly melancholic expression. The sonata, on the other hand, seemed beyond the artist's capabilities. One cannot deny a natural musicality in Miss Gazler's playing, but it seems wrongly applied. There is no real feeling for shape and form, no convincing ability to handle the large

forms and express their more profound qualities. The whole performance of the sonata, therefore, impressed superficial and characterless.

Schumann's "Carnaval" was no less a disappointment. There was little musical characterization in the pieces, tempi often seemed disorganized and arbitrarily chosen. Again there was a lack of feeling for consistent musical line and progression. All this neutralized much of Miss Gazler's musicality. Though the "Carnaval" is a sequence of short pieces, it is also a monumental composition unified by a basic programme-idea. In the performance this quality did not sufficiently materialize.

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19.30 News  
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20.30 Morasha: Rabbi Shear Yeshuv Cohen answers questions on Halacha and Jewish thought  
21.00 Mabot Gesharet  
21.30 Starkey and Hutch: Death Notice. With David Sol and Paul Michael Glaser  
22.20 Love American Style  
23.00 Election 77: Nine hours of in-depth reports on the elections, interspersed with entertainment by the Gashash Habivur  
**JORDAN TV** (unofficial): 18.15 Cartoon. 18.35 Swiss Family Robinson. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00 News in Arabic. 20.30 Phyllis. 21.30 Rich Man, Poor Man. 22.00 News in English. 22.15 Ghiberville  
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7.07 Morning concert — Mozart: The Magic Flute Overture; Haydn: Six Canzonettes; (Peter Pears, Benjamin Britten); Walton: Song from Facade; Dello Joio: Festive Song; Salvi-Stern: Trio, Op. 18 (Egon, Orlan, Rostropovich); Albin: Suite on Rumanian Folkways  
10.07 Berthovim: Seven Bagatelles, Op. 31 (Gendel); Haydn: Six Canzonettes; (Peter Pears, Benjamin Britten); Walton: Song from Facade; Dello Joio: Festive Song; Salvi-Stern: Trio, Op. 18 (Egon, Orlan, Rostropovich); Albin: Suite on Rumanian Folkways  
12.00 (Stereo): Recital — David Saridan, piano; Weber: Sonata No. 4; Schumann: Sonata in C minor, Op. 22; Liszt: Dante Sonata  
13.00 Aubert: Le Domiole Noir; Handel: Aria from Rodelinda; Ravel: Jeux d'Eau; Debussy: 2 Movements from Saxophone Concerto; El Shana: Egyptian Dance; Haydn: Serenade; Rodrigo: Adagio for Guitar; Gounod: Clara  
14.30 Land of Why — quiz  
15.01 Golden TV club — programme on old age and retirement  
16.00 L'Espresso to spoken Arabic  
16.05 News on Hebrew and English  
16.05 "For the Collector" with Edna Anai  
16.45 Clemesi: Sonatina No. 6; Prokofiev: Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Major; (Fritz Man, Arkhassan); Schubert: String Quintet, Op. 156 (Heifetz, Baker, Primrose, Platigorsky, Reyt)  
16.00 (Stereo): Radio Music club, conducted by Gendel Roth with Cluise, Azzola, mandoline, and the Holon Chamber Orchestra — Concert by Pargolel and Guiland  
20.45 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Barzan: The Love of Teresa; El Shana: El Hana, Mend Rodan; Bach: Suite No. 3 (Sidney Harth); Beethoven: 2 Romances for Violin and Orchestra (Dora Schwartzberg, Sidney Harth); Schubert: Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished")  
**Second Programme**  
12.30 Israeli songs  
13.05 Songs  
15.05 An hour with "The Roosters"  
15.10 Sephardi songs  
15.15 Songs and stories — songs from musicals about election day  
15.25 Weekly Journal on religious life  
16.45 Sports commentary  
16.00 People and events in the news  
16.45 Bible Readings: Psalms 9, 50  
17.00 Israeli songs  
20.30 Basketball Game — Israel vs. Brazil at the Yad Eliahu stadium  
22.30 Hebrew songs  
22.00 "Night of the Night" — stories on the elections, interspersed with songs and comedy acts (until 4.00)  
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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

## Natat up 7 ag. to IL11.89

TEL AVIV. — The Natat investment dollar climbed by seven agorot yesterday, to IL11.89. The recent surge in the price of the currency is a reflection of the growing fears of a devaluation after today's election.

The share market performed well in the opening round, but demand appeared to dry up in the variables sector.

Bank Hapoalim continued to be a volume leader as the bearer shares gained two to 327 on a volume in excess of IL1.5m. Bank Leumi gained three to 445, while Bank Leumi eked out a half a point gain to 248.

Mortgage banks were better but the move was moderate. Only Telatoh was a good feature with an eight-point gain to 365. Insurance shares were also somewhat higher. Sahar, which traded as low as 1.025 on Sunday, closed at 1.260. Delek added 11 to 565 in relatively quiet trading. Israel Cold Storage ILI shares were again "sellers only" and thus repeated the same story for almost one week. The shares were fixed at 1,820. The ILI shares were five higher at 565. Israel Electric dipped by 10 to 570.

Land development and real estate issues continued to be a speculative vehicle. Yisroo was 13 ahead at 220. Soli Bomb was "sellers only" and lowered to 709. Neot Aviv, the subject of legal proceedings, was ex-dividend and lowered to 275 its calculated ex-dividend price. Pri-Or lost 14 to 806.

Trading in industrials yielded positive results. Elco IL2.5 cleared the 400 mark to 406 on a 16-point advance. Electra ILI gained 30 to 430. The ILI shares were 15 better to 345.

but the options yielded 10 to 225. Dubek continued to rise and reached 500 on a 17-point move. Teva was "buyers only" and marked up to 1,450. Levin-Epstein was a strong feature as it gained 15 to 290. Dead Sea Works was 15 better at 350. Assia was "buyers only" at 224. Shemen was "sellers only" at 395. Frutaron moved higher by five to 185.

Investment company issues had a good session. Elgar was "buyers only" and eventually closed out at 337. Amisgar, however, continued to trade as "sellers only" and was pegged lower at 1,090. Paz Investments eased by seven to 490. Bank Leumi and Hapoalim advanced slightly but Discount was unchanged.

Jordan Exploration lost 110 to 3,190, but the warrants were unchanged at 3,190. Koor was "sellers only" and dropped down to 1,335. Piryon, on very small volume, was 40 ahead at an even 600.

The index-linked bond market was listless once again as prices eased slightly. Volume dropped under the IL50m. Mark to IL17.7m.

The General Index of Share Prices rose 0.38 per cent to 128.24.

## Most active issues

Hapoalim (bearer)	337 +2.0	IL1,028,200
Hapoalim (reg.)	334 +2.0	IL490,600
B. Leumi	349 +0.5	IL430,300
Shares traded:		
Bonds:		IL17.7m.
Natat:		IL11.89 +7ag.
Demand:		\$104,000
Turnover:		\$236,000

Soli Bomb 15% pref.	b	709	746
Property & Building	r	241	240
Israel	r	295	297.5
Mehadrin	r	588	577
L.C.F. Citrus	r	225	232
Neot Aviv	r	275	306 exdiv
Pri-Or Ltd.	r	806	806
Rasaco - 8% pref.	r	281	280
Rasaco	r	205	205

INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance - B	r	915	900
Elco - 2.5	b	400	400
Electra - 5	r	345	336
Argaman - 8%	r	375.5	362.5
Ala - C	r	192	190
Dubek	b	590	573
Elco. Wire & Cable	b	170	169
Teva	r	345	325
Chem. & Phosphates	r	254	252
Levin-Epstein	r	290	275
Moller Textile	r	260	250
Paper Mills	r	290	280
Assia "B"	r	224	223
Nechustan 8% pref.	r	670	665
Elite	r	400	400
Shemen - 8% pref.	b	395	415
Frutaron	r	185	180
Frutaron New	r	175	174
Elron ILI	r	610	610

OPTIONALS			
Dev. 216	b	365.5	367
Dev. 313	b	345	339
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	—	—
CONVERTIBLES			
10% IDB	r	154	154
15% Mizrahi (2)	r	205	201
1% Leumi (5)	b	187.5	187
10% Telatoh (39)	r	357.5	358
10% Delek	r	182	182
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	r	182	182
10% Leumi Inv. (102)	r	199	199

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Otsar Hityashuv	r	285	285
LD.B. pref.	r	490	490
LD.B. Bankholding	r	321.5	321.5
Union "A"	r	445	445
Discount "A"	r	455	455
United Mizrahi	r	301	301
Hapoalim	r	327	325
Leumi "A"	r	248	245.5
Leumi "B"	r	255	255
Dev. & Mortgage	b	250	250
Housing Mortg.	b	241	240
Telatoh 8% pref.	b	364	364
Telatoh	b	368	360
Ind. & Dev. 8% pref.	r	184.5	184.5
Aryeh	r	650	645
Hasech Insurance	r	448	450
Sahar - "C"	b	1280	1205

REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azoric	r	108	108
Aria Israel ILI	r	548	551
Ur. Land Dev.	r	204	205

## WALL STREET

Hour before closing, May 16

ASA Ltd.	19%	Fair Cam	55%	Mobil	65%
Am Motors	4%	Ford	30%	Monsanto	78
Amer. T & T	64%	Gen Dynam	55	NCR	35%
Al Rich	58%	Gen Foods	81%	Oce Pet	28%
Avco	15%	Gen Motors	68%	Pan Am	4%
Avco	45%	Gen Pet	31%	Polaroid	35
Bell How	20%	Gen Tire	24%	RCA corp.	30%
Beth St.	33%	Gillette	—	Royal Dutch	59%
Boeing	53	Grace	30%	Sears Roe	53%
Brist My	61%	Gulf West	14%	Singer	32%
Burroughs	56%	Gulf Oil	27%	Sony	8%
CBS Inc.	52%	Hayward	52%	Sperry Rand	57
Colson	51%	IDM	26%	Teladyne	67
Chase Man	31%	Int Pepper	67%	Texas	26%
Chrysler	17%	Int. T & T	36%	Texas Ins	59%
Coca Cola	73%	John John	10%	TWA	11%
Con Ed	22%	LTV	10%	Twent Cent	12
Crown Zelt	38%	Litton	14%	U.S. Steel	45%
Curtis Wri	16%	Lockheed	11%	West Union	17%
Oow Chem	36%	Macy	28%	Woolworth	23%
Dupont	128%	Medon-Doug	23%	Xerox	47%
East KDK	59%	Merr Lynch	50	Zenith	24
Exxon	51%	Minn MM	50		

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## Dow bucks rise in interest rate

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market enlarged Friday's gains yesterday, continuing to ignore an uptrend in interest rates.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials was up five points half an hour before the close. Gainers outnumbered losers by about a 9 to 5 margin among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

The groundwork was laid for the advance last Friday, when the Dow rose 2.80. The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks closed with a 4.16 gain at 952.90.

HEBRA LEUMI KRAZI BANKMANUT B.M.	16.5.77	16.5.77	16.5.77
EITAN	252.08	255.08	
ALMOG	157.30	153.95	
ADIF	178.10	171.83	
TZABAR	183.17	182.67	
ERIZ	254.51	252.95	

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## Immigrant accountants are easily absorbed here

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dozens of accountants from Argentina, Uruguay and South Africa came here last year and more are expected, according to the chairman of the absorption committee of the Accountants' Association.

The chairman, who asked that his name not be mentioned for reasons of professional ethics, said that immigrant accountants are exempt from many of the licensing examinations here. British accountants need only take one examination — in tax law — and this can be done in English. American accountants must also take the Company Law test, since Israeli Company Law is identical with that in Britain, but totally different from that in the U.S.

Accountants from countries where accounting is less developed, of course, need more retraining and must take more examinations to qualify for licensing. Unlike lawyers, accountants need not take an exam in Hebrew.

Getting a licence to practise does not mean getting a job, the absorp-

tion committee chairman explained. An accountant who does not speak Hebrew will not get clients in private practice, nor can he get a good job. The Accountants' Association tries to help in finding employment, both by urging its members to hire olim and by advising the newcomers to look into fields related to accounting which they might not otherwise have considered. Jobs with the police, the state comptroller's office and the revenue department are among the alternatives suggested, particularly to older and more experienced accountants.

Young people who are willing to "start from the beginning again" have a good chance of getting jobs in accounting firms, he said.

The ideal stage in his professional career for an accountant to come on olim is two or three years after he gets his degree, the chairman said. This means he has enough experience to be useful, but not enough so that he will have to "go backwards" in order to start his career here.

There is also a need for senior accountants with experience as comptrollers, he said.

## Gemology Institute opens in Ramat Gan

A gemological institute, which will evaluate and identify diamonds and issue certificates for them, was opened yesterday in Ramat Gan, near the Diamond Exchange.

The institute was set up by the Diamond Institute, on the initiative of the Diamond Exchange and the Association of Diamond Industrialists.

It will operate according to the standards of the Gemological Institute of America, which has a world-wide reputation. It is intended to answer the growing need for authoritative identification and evaluation of diamonds for purchase decisions and for insurance.

## Meshel is Labour's choice again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yerusha Meshel, secretary-general of the Labour Party, was nominated on Friday for another term by a joint meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau and Labour Party members of the Histadrut Central Committee. The unanimous recommendation will have to be ratified by the Labour Party central committee on Thursday.

## Luxury liner retired

GENOA (AP). — The luxury liner Christoforo Colombo sailed from Genoa to Venezuela yesterday to be turned into a floating hotel on the River Orinoco.

The 30,000-ton liner was sold for \$5.5m. to a Venezuelan group in February as part of the Italian Government's plan to do away with big passenger ships that had been operating in the red for years due to the competition of air transport.

The Christoforo Colombo is scheduled to become a vacation hotel for employees of an iron and steel centre.

## Appointments at Commerce Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Avraham Ashri has been appointed deputy director-general of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, replacing Ze'ev Birger, who is leaving the civil service after 22 years. Until now Ashri served as head of the metals and electronics section in the ministry. He will be replaced by Mordechai Avior (Philips), who will also continue in his present job as the ministry's chief engineer.

Birger, becoming deputy-director-general, Ze'ev Birger was in charge of the price section and the light industry section. Ashri has in the past served as commercial attaché in the U.S. He is an economics graduate of the Hebrew University.

## Sunny, the chick with the brown eggs

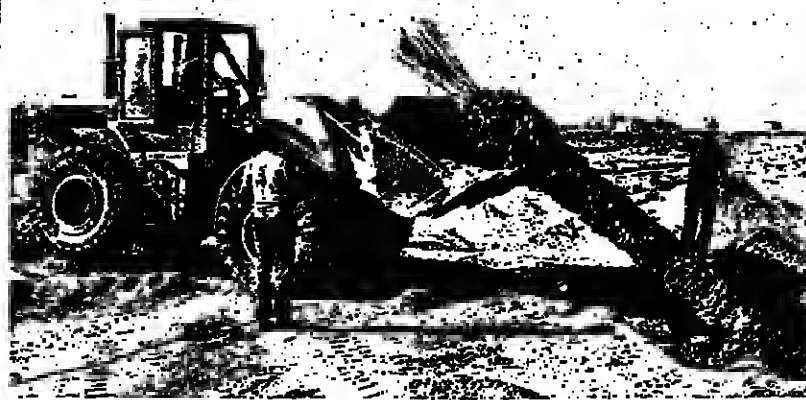
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — This Poultry Breeders Union has developed a new type of chicken called Sunny, which lays brown-shelled eggs.

Sunny chickens start laying when they are 170 days old. Their eggs weigh about 61-62 grams and they have a laying potential of 265-280 eggs (the present layer's potential is about 255 eggs). Sunys eat 120 to 125 grams of feed a day.

According to the poultry breeders, the brown colour of the egg shell makes the Sunny very popular in certain foreign markets. The union is planning to export Sunny chicks worth thousands of dollars.

DURING HIS RECENT visit here Dr. Herbert Braun, one of the owners of Triumph International, the world-wide concern for women's underwear, took time off to visit the Weizmann Institute of Science. Impressed by what he saw, he banded a check for IL50,000 to the institute's management to further its research.



A JNF TRACTOR NUDGING a 2-ton palm tree into position in Ellat last week. The palms, bought and transported from El-Arish at a cost of IL2,000 each, are intended to provide a cool green vista to the town's approaches. Over 80 of them were planted last week, and the JNF eventually hopes to have some 5,000 trees and bushes in the huge waste patch between the airport and the main road into Ellat from the north. (Photo by David Landau)

## Rent rules lead to tax evasion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Income tax officials are aware that the present regulations affecting rent received and rent paid out for apartments by the same person are too severe and lead to tax evasion and all kinds of "under-the-table" transactions, *The Post* was told yesterday.

Under the present regulations, an apartment owner who rents out his apartment and rents another for his own use, must pay income tax on the

rent he receives. But the rent he pays for the flat in which he lives is not recognized as a deductible expense.

The income tax officials said that this situation leads to tax evasion through fictitious contracts. They admit that the regulations will have to be changed to allow for greater mobility. This would apply, for example, in cases where people have to take a temporary job away from their home town.

## More flights from Scandinavia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An increase of 50 per cent is expected in the number of flights from Scandinavia, the Tourism Ministry announced this week.

Avi Bruck, director of the Israel tourist office in Copenhagen, reported that the 16 flights a week presently operating would jump to 24. Of these, four are scheduled

flights, two by El Al and two by SAS. The Scandinavian airline has also expressed interest in running a third weekly flight to Ben-Gurion Airport, Bruck said.

The remaining 20 flights are all charters, of which six will go directly to Ellat. For the first time, he said, there will be two direct flights a week from Oslo, one to B-G. Airport and one to the Red Sea resort.

## COINS AND MEDALS

By JOSEPH MORGENSTEIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The secondary market for gold and silver coins recently enjoyed a strong upswing. Prices rose smartly as demand from local and overseas collectors was apparent.

Speculative interest in the Harp gold medal has driven its price to about IL45,000. The price of this medal has doubled in the past two months. Unconfirmed rumours hold that a small group of investors have cornered the market on it.

In a continuation of our sketches of Israeli medalists, we have chosen the Shamir brothers, Gabriel and

Maxim Shamir were born in Latvia and brought to Israel in 1933. Their work as designers has included medals as well as the bank notes currently in use. In addition they have designed the Emblem of Israel as well as numerous postage stamps.

Their medals include the obverse side of the 1961 Death of a Hero medal and the 1964 Chess Olympics. They designed both sides of the 1962 and 1963 Hanukka commemorative, the 1964 Histadrut or Labour Union Federation, the 1964 Masada medal (with Nathan Karp) and the 1967 Jubilee of the Jewish Legion.

	IL	\$
Herzl	5,000	555
Weizmann	9,000	1,000
Bank of Israel	9,100	1,010
Bank of Israel	48,000	5,350
Victory	6,800	755
Jerusalem	4,000	445
Shalom	3,300	425
Let My People Go	3,900	435
25th Anniversary	5,200	575
Ben-Gurion	2,300	255
Bonds	2,000	225
Bar Mitzva	3,400	375
Crusaders	2,600	290
Massada	4,900	545

	IL	\$
Jerusalem	3,900	435
Rothschild	4,900	545
Balfour	6,900	755
El Al	8,900	990
Keren Hayesod	10,800	1,200
Liberation	12,800	1,425
Outst. Worker	36,000	4,000
25th Anniv. Plat.	2,500	280
Rubinstein	5,200	580
Technion	6,400	710
Diamond	4,500	500
Harp	45,000	5,000
Entebbe	3,800	425

## Almost IL40b. in the kitty of pension funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The total accumulation of funds in the pension and provident funds stood at IL39.3b. at the end of 1976, an increase of IL14.2b. or 56.2 per cent over 1975 — according to data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The increase in the balance represents a real rise of some 13 per cent after discounting the nominal increase of 38 per cent caused by inflation last year.

The funds' total assets, most of which are invested in government debentures, amounted to approximately 70 per cent of the entire internal national debt, excluding the loans from the Bank of Israel, the National Insurance Institute and compulsory loans.

The pension funds accounted for about half of the total balance sheet value. The total accumulation of funds during the year, which is equivalent to recapture minus payments, came to IL14.2b. in 1976, compared with IL5.2b. in 1975.

The bulk of the increase came from linkage differentials — about IL5.7b., and from the realization of profits — some IL3.1b. The net accumulation from members' contributions was IL2.4b.

## Koor domestic sales

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Koor's sales in the domestic market, in the first quarter of the year, were nominally up 20 per cent over the first quarter of 1976 — which indicates a significant decline in real terms. Export sales, which were \$49.5m. in the last quarter of 1976, have risen to only \$50.5m. — a nominal increase of two per cent, according to Koor's latest bi-weekly bulletin.

Koor's new general manager, Nat-tali Blumenthal, said in a forecast for 1977/78, that enterprise will have to cut costs and re-examine their investment programmes in view of the tight monetary policy anticipated in the next two years.

Yeshayahu Gavish, Koor's deputy-general manager, said at a meeting of plant managers that exports must become the spearhead in all branches of the concern, and not only something to be carried by a few leading enterprises. He added that financial results show that firms which export make bigger profits than those which don't.

## Supersol now also develops films

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Supersol has entered the photography business and has started selling and developing films through its 32 outlets. The chainstore has announced that it will be 10 per cent cheaper than specialized photography shops.

So far, supermarkets here have not gone in for this type of business. The company promises that anyone handing in a film for developing at the beginning of the week will get it back by the end of the week.

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THE CULTURAL CENTRE and  
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will be closed to the public owing to holidays  
on Thursday, May 19, and on Monday, May 30, 1977  
The German Language Courses will be held as usual

Elections Day for The Ninth Knesset  
will be a Public Holiday  
Pursuant to Section 10 of the Basic Law: the Knesset, and Section 71a of the Knesset Elections (Consolidated Version) Law 1969, the Central Elections Committee has decided that the following services will function on Elections Day:  
1. Transport services  
2. Restaurants, cafes, hotels, pensions and kiosks, petrol stations, and industrial and agricultural plants at which production is carried out by means of a continuous process.  
3. Communications services.  
4. Water and electricity undertakings.  
5. Supply and transport of fuel.  
6. Theatres, cinemas and other places of entertainment.  
7. Newspapers.  
8. Transport of fruit, vegetables and milk products, from 5 p.m. on elections day.  
9. Workers in the above services must be given convenient and sufficient time to allow them to vote at their voting stations.  
Elchanan Meir  
Supreme Court Justice  
Chairman Central Elections Committee  
for the Ninth Knesset  
March 31, 1977

The merger of the insurance businesses of the Clal Group and the Ben-Zur family in Israel and abroad is now being finalized. The insurance business of Clal will be handled by the Clalit Company and the business of Ben-Zur (with more than 30 years' experience) include:  
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## The critical choice

EVERY NATIONAL election tends to be viewed, by those who engage in it, as the most important ever. Today's poll, needless to say, is no exception. Yet there is a very special reason why this particular election should be treated, the outcome of which apart, as indeed the most critical in the country's history.

By the evidence of pre-election tests of public opinion, the "old guard" which has guided Israel's destinies for nearly three decades stands closer to losing the reins of power this morning than it ever was. This has not come as a bolt from the blue, nor without ample warning over a period of years. Successive elections have been pointing a downward trend for Labour, yet its leaders have tended to treat the ominous signs less as a challenge than as an aberration.

Now there is a large body of opinion, even among its erstwhile followers, which holds that a thorough electoral thrashing is just what the Labour Party deserves. Some protesters would still like Labour to be able to form the next coalition, but only just. From within the movement, moreover, there are voices contending that a decent apoll in the political wilderness — as, for once, the official opposition — would have a welcome rejuvenating effect.

In the meantime, with or without Labour, the country could safely reform the system of representation, check the runaway inflation, close the social gap, clean up the beaches — in short, attend to all the painful internal problems which previous governments have so woefully failed to solve.

The argument is attractive, but there is one little flaw to it. It implies that the country's political future — or what is known as the issue of peace and the territories — may be kept in the realm of abstract rhetoric for another two or three years, without requiring substantive decisions on the part of the national administration.

This was a dubious proposition even before Jimmy Carter entered the White House; it is patently false today. The reason for its untruth is not that the PLO has magically turned into a partner for peace, or that Anwar Sadat has indicated willingness to exchange ambassadors with the next Israeli Premier — but that the U.S. Government is calling on Israel, as on the other nations of the area, to join in a process of peace-making, and not at some distant future date, but now.

It should not take special acumen to appreciate the price in America's affection that would have to be paid by a negative Israeli response to this invitation.

The conclusion is not that the country's grave domestic problems may, in turn, be frozen for a while, nor that Jerusalem must accept whatever Washington proposes by way of a solution. It is rather that the major issue now facing the country is this: will it have a government strong enough to pursue a rational and realistic foreign and defence policy, or will it have a government whose annexationist policy would be laughed out of court by Israel's best friends — or, perhaps, the kind of "national unity" government which, as history has surely taught us, is but a misnomer for deadlock.

These are the first and foremost questions which the voter must answer for himself before he enters the polling booth today.

## Dry Bones



## Election Commentary To DMC Sympathizers

BY PROFESSOR YIRMIYAHU TOVEL

I WANT a Government that will be able to dig in its heels on the things that are right and possible (the character of the peace, security arrangements, the length of the transition period, long-term arrangements for our relations with the United States), and will be able to compromise on the territorial question while ensuring an appropriate recompense.

A Government headed by the Alignment can conduct the confrontation with the United States without bringing it to the point of crisis. A Likud Government, on the other hand, would get into a reckless gamble with the United States and knock our heads against a brick wall.

Unfortunately, a Likud Government is a possibility today — with the aid of the DMC. The DMC might have in its hands the most important political option in the State of Israel: the decision who should be in power — a Likud Government or an Alignment Government.

Since this is the major choice in these elections, I do not want to leave it in the hands of the DMC and its leaders, but to decide my position for myself.

If the DMC announced that it would establish a coalition only with the Alignment, well and good; but since the DMC states that it might equally form a coalition with the Likud, anyone who does not on any account want such a coalition should vote directly for the Alignment.

(Condensed from a statement published in "Ma'ariv," 13 May)

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And yet the Jewish destiny is involved more closely than any of these. Israel is the only nation that stands or falls in history by the way in which the issue is resolved. A diplomatic process that went on outside us or without us, would be not only insensitive but impractical.

Nothing would have been lost if the American-Israeli dialogue had waited for Israel to become a viable negotiating partner under a government endowed with Parliamentary legitimacy and a capacity of long-term decision. A nation's foreign policy is closely linked to its domestic experience.

IT IS CLEAR that 1977 is still going to be the negotiating year. Before it is ended we may be engaged in discussion with our adversaries about peace — and with our friends about boundaries.

The focal point can only be Washington. All others have ruled themselves out of any mediatory role: Moscow, by its lack of relations with Israel; the U.N. by the imbalance of its structure and its

SHORTLY AFTER his nomination was confirmed by the Senate, Samuel W. Lewis, the new American Ambassador to Israel, flew up to Gloucester, Massachusetts. He wanted to meet with Walworth Barbour, the former U.S. envoy in Israel, who is now retired.

Lewis, a 46-year-old career foreign service officer, said that he spent "a long and very rich evening" with the retired ambassador "to try to find out the way he approached the job because many people have told me that he was an excellent ambassador. I got a lot of good tips from him."

Meeting with Israeli correspondents in Washington the other day, Lewis recalled some of Barbour's advice. "He suggested that I should be completely direct and honest and frank with Israeli government officials, no matter how difficult the problem. Don't be too tricky, he said, and I am not a very tricky guy so that was advice I could follow very easily."

The new envoy, who is due to arrive in Israel tomorrow, said that Barbour also advised him to get around and try to get to know people outside the government. Lewis said that he would be following this advice carefully.

Lewis did not have a chance to sit down with his immediate predecessor in Israel, Malcolm Toon, who has been in Moscow since leaving Tel Aviv.

Toon, who has spent most of his professional career in Communist countries, often rubbed Israeli officials the wrong way with his blunt approach — an approach, it must be

# The negotiating hour

Israel must play the negotiating game by the existing rules, says ABBA EBAN; but at the same time it must develop a detailed image of a settlement that does not jeopardize its security or its values.

resolutions; Europe by its own decision to abandon its traditional political role in favour of exclusive concern with economic strength and the development of a community.

There are thus two themes for Israel to clarify before confronting its Arab neighbours. There should be a closer look at the America-Israel partnership; and we need more schematic thinking about negotiating techniques.

The flood of recent American statements appears at first sight, to be casual and inadvertent. On a closer look the pattern is coherent. The United States seems prepared to offer Israel every possible component of security that does not include substantial territorial change of the pre-1967 lines.

Indeed, the very disposition to be generous in the non-territorial domain (arms, economic aid, etc.) is a function of Washington's desire to woo Israel, thinking away from emphasis on territorial change.

THIS CREATES a predicament for Israel's moderates. We too believe that boundaries are only one of the components of an integral security doctrine. But that component, even if not exclusive, is not negligible or optional. The most moderate Israeli consensus would insist on changes of the June 4, 1967 lines at neutral and inflammatory points.

Demilitarization, security agreements and a strong military posture could reduce, but not eliminate, the need for a measure of territorial change. Thus the main Israeli appeal to Washington should be a simple request to avoid pre-empting our negotiating position by tying American policy to the old unacceptable armistice lines.

After all, if anything goes wrong the loss of life and blood will be Israel's loss alone. This surely entitles us to respect for our solitude of responsibility in deciding what the minimal conditions of Israel's security are.

It may be ironic for Israelis, in search of a juridical basis for

territorial revision, to hark back to a figure who is no hero in Israel's memory. I refer to Secretary Rogers' address of December 12, 1968: "Those boundaries (pre-1967) were armistice lines, not final political borders. The Security Council Resolution (242) neither endorses nor precludes those armistice lines as definitive political boundaries."

From the Israeli nation we must seek a mature decision to reject extreme political formulations which would make it impossible to begin, let alone to conclude, a dialogue either with the friendly world, or with the unfriendly region. Support of a mandate for "territorial compromise" is a dictate not only of wisdom but of secure national survival.

AS THE PROSPECT of negotiation draws near, our foreign policy will face one of its most serious predicaments — how to balance successful negotiation against the exigencies of "image-making." To

he obdurate about a basic issue is bad "public relations," but it is sometimes good policy. The actions of negotiators is that the only way to resolve conflicts is to find a compromise between the initial positions.

The trouble with this concept — as Kissinger has pointed out — is that it encourages extreme points of departure. "The more outrageous the initial proposition, the better is the prospect that what one 'really' wants will be considered a compromise." ("The Necessity for Choice," 1960, p. 205).

This is the real crux. Effectiveness at the conference table depends on overstating one's demands. Yet extreme proposals make it difficult to muster international public support. It would be attractive if diplomacy could out loose from the mythology of bargaining so as to concentrate on the real, not symbolic positions, but the very word "negotiation" ties diplomacy firmly to commercial notions, and there is not likely to be a change in the prevailing mythology this year.

For Israel, the lesson is plain: we cannot escape the tactical necessities. We must play the game by its existing rules. But somewhere in the recesses of our consciousness we must develop what Arab policy has nearly yet made relevant: a concrete detailed Israeli image of a settlement that does not jeopardize our security and is consistent with our values.

## The envoy comes to Tel Aviv

The new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, SAMUEL W. LEWIS, is due to arrive here tomorrow. Shortly before his departure he told a group of Israeli correspondents in Washington of his plans and expectations. WOLF BLITZER reports.



said, that was instructed upon Toon by the then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

DIPLOMATICALLY, Lewis did not want to criticize his immediate predecessor. "I am not trying to draw any conclusions from his experience," he said. "I really don't know what his experience was because I have heard it characterized in different ways. I am not going to Israel to be like Toon or unlike Toon. I am going there to be like myself."

Lewis summarized his attitude towards his next assignment succinctly. He has three fundamental objectives:

(1) "To get to understand Israel and Israeli society and as many of the important, and perhaps less important, personalities as I can, and to understand a lot more about the history of Zionism and the psychological meaning of the Israeli State and the Israeli people." He said that this would prove important, "so that I can relate as objectively and forcefully and accurately as possible to the President, the Secretary of State and others on of

would work to see American-Israeli friendship strengthened.

For this reason, Lewis did not want to get into a detailed discussion on the current state of American-Israeli relations and U.S. policy in the Middle East. "For that reason," he said, "I would like to keep this discussion about me, not what U.S. policy may or may not be at the moment. What I have to say to the Israeli Government about policy, I want to say in private, and I'll say it as honestly and as directly as I can after I have presented my credentials."

ALTHOUGH he does not want to go public during his initial period in Israel, the ambassador said he was very keen on establishing contacts with the Israeli press.

He said he was fascinated by the openness of the Israeli society and its very lively, open democratic political system. It reminds him somewhat of his early diplomatic experience in Italy, which also has a very lively political system.

He was "surprised and thrilled" to learn of his appointment to Israel. It was "one of the two or three jobs overseas" that he would have eagerly accepted. In fact, he said, "this is the job I would most rather have overseas."

He comes to Israel highly respected in the State Department, with considerable experience. He has only been to Israel on one previous occasion — for four days in 1974 to visit his old friend Nicholas Veliotes, who was then deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv — and he therefore doesn't know all that much about Israel. But what Lewis does know a lot about is the making of U.S. foreign policy in Washington, and that should prove very beneficial during his service in Israel.

Lewis has held several important policy-level jobs at the State Department and the National Security Council since graduating from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in 1954. (He specialized in Middle Eastern affairs.) He said that these jobs have given him "an important insight into the way the major decisions are dealt with in this town, and it ought to make me a more effective ambassador."

He said that many ambassadors "stand or fall" depending on their impact in Washington. And he feels

that he can play an important role in getting things done.

Philosophically, Lewis pointed out that an ambassador — any ambassador — can affect U.S. policy in three ways:

— He can shape the perceptions of the key policymakers in Washington concerning the "foreign reality";

— He can, "if he has ideas and creativity," propose courses of action that may be taken seriously and implemented;

— And he can carry out policies in ways that will help them succeed or fail.

But in any case, Lewis, just like Malcolm Toon, does not expect to be a mere "messenger boy" in Israel. He knows that the focus of much of the important diplomatic exchanges between the U.S. and Israel takes place in Washington. Often the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv has found itself shut out.

"I have discussed this subject with Secretary of State Vance, and I am perfectly satisfied with the assurance that I will be used a fair amount of the time for important diplomatic business with the Israeli Government. I wouldn't expect it all to be done in Tel Aviv, but I do have every expectation in being kept fully informed."

IN ADDITION to spending some time with Barbour, Lewis also wanted to do his homework during the past several weeks by meeting American Jewish leaders, and seeking their advice before taking off for Tel Aviv. He knows that the American Ambassador in Israel also has certain unique responsibilities vis-a-vis the American Jewish community.

"I think that is an important additional dimension to the job," he said. "I've spent an enormous amount of time trying to meet as many American Jewish leaders as possible during the past few weeks." He believes that he must have met with most of the top leadership.

Politely, he noted that he has "got a lot of good insights into Israel" from the American Jewish leadership. "But I have also been warned by a number of Americans: learn about Israel from Israelis, not just from American Jews. I'll take that advice."

In order to get a start at understanding Israel, Lewis has been reading several books on the history of Zionism, the Holocaust, "because I want to get a better feeling for the Holocaust experience and what that means to Israel," and Israel.

Lewis arrives in Israel with his wife Sallie ("she spells it" the old-fashioned southern way), whom he met many years ago at the Methodist Church back home in Houston. He said that she is a "very energetic gal," who is looking forward to taking up archaeology in Israel. She wants to do "some amateur digging."

### READERS' LETTERS

#### THE CONSERVATIVE POSITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am grateful for Shoshana Lesser's fine report on the annual convention of the Conservative Movement in Israel (May 8).

Among other things, Miss Lesser reported that, in response to the letters which I had sent to the various political parties to obtain their positions on the Movement, the only encouragement came from the Independent Liberals. This is, of course, true. However, in all fairness, I must bring to your attention that we also received favourable responses from the Citizens Rights Movement and from the Women's Party. In addition, I expressed appreciation to Mr. David Glass, former Director General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs who, during my term in office initiated the process of rendering financial

#### BIBLE SOCIETIES' BOOKSTAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As the person responsible for the Bible Societies' stand at the Jerusalem Book Fair, I wish to comment on Aaron Sittner's articles of May 2 and 3 on the subject.

The United Bible Societies' stand was incorrectly referred to as a missionary book display. The United Bible Societies merely publish and distribute the Bible (the Old and the New Testament) in whole or in part. We operate as a service organization for churches, educational centres, bookshops and individuals. There was no missionary literature displayed or distributed during the Fair.

There was no scuffle or fracas between the staff manning the United Bible Societies' stand and visiting yeshiva students, only between these students and the police who, correctly, wanted to restore order by distributing anti-Christian propaganda and hindering the public from entering our stand.

THESE HARTBERG, Business Manager, Bible Society, Haifa.

#### RECOGNITION OF CONSERVATIVES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report of May 3 that Conservative rabbis will not seek legal action in Israel is somewhat misleading. Your correspondent was reporting on the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly in America where "proposals have stopped short of urging legal action to compel recognition."

The proposals at the convention were not more specific because both the form and timing of legal action will be decided by Israel's, namely the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel, the United Synagogue of Israel, or one of our constituent congregations. In not making more specific proposals, the Rabbinical Assembly in New York demonstrated their forbearance at long-standing discrimination and restraint in not telling Israel what to do.

In fact, the Conservative Movement in Israel, with full support of the world-wide movement, is presently clarifying its legal options with prominent Israeli attorneys.

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10.15 a.m. Rabbi Aryeh Carmil, Method of Selecting the Sanhedrin (Rabbinic; Mishnah Sanhedrin 1-3; English).

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